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## FACULTY SENATE

# Snafu delays 10-minute rule discussion

*Luis Clay Mendez Service Award announced*

BY SARAH WHITNEY  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Faculty Senate postponed discussions over the 10-minute rule because of a miscommunication between itself and Student Senate.

"It's getting held because they're ready present but there are just minor things that need to get cleared up," said Chelsea Fredrick, student vice president for academic affairs. "It will probably come before the (Faculty) Senate sometime after Thanksgiving."

In action items, the senate approved awarding the Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award to Pat McCallister of family and consumer sciences.

The award honors Eastern faculty that exemplify the dedication of the late Luis Clay Mendez by their service to Eastern, their profession and the community on a local, national and international level, said John Pommier, chair of the nominations committee.



The selection committee was impressed by McCallister's work, which, in addition to her duties at Eastern, included membership on the Coles County Methamphetamine Action Coalition Board, former President of the Association of Home Equipment Educators, former editor of the AHEA National Technical Conference Proceedings and membership of the Charleston

Historical Preservation Commission.

Because state funding has not increased in the past four years, internal fundraising has become more important.

Steve Rich and Jonathan McKenzie, director and assistant director of alumni services and community relations, updated the senate on their efforts to increase external fundraising.

They focused on annual fund gifts, which only consists of 6 percent of what the department raises in a year.

The annual fund gift is comprised of alumni donations resulting from a telefund. It does not reflect denotations made to support departmental scholarship.

"The annual fund experience very good growth over past two years," McKenzie said. "For the past two fiscal years, we have made a concerted effort to reach the alumni. The growth (potential) is there, and there are more dollars coming in."

In 2005, the fund was \$256,248, which is a nearly 50 percent increase compared to 2003's total of \$139,435.

The money generated goes directly into the departmental

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# City council meeting leaves residents confused, befuddled

BY ERIN MILLER  
CITY EDITOR

Residents near the Arrowhead Ridge Subdivision remained confused after voicing their concerns Tuesday night at the Charleston City Council Meeting.

They thought the changes to the final plot of the subdivision will devalue their house, and they do not understand how the city could allow zoning changes.

The developer is requesting some of the zoning be changed from single-family homes to duplexes.

Rachel Tremain, a Charleston resident, said she is concerned with the duplexes because she does not know who will rent these homes.

"My husband and I invested our incomes into our house," Tremain said. "We are in the unknown."

Tremain said it is a known fact duplexes devalue homes because they are typically rented property.

She said she was also disappointed by the lack of proper notice regarding the meeting.

All of the residents would have liked more notice about the public hearing so they could

prepare proper arguments.

Mayor John Inyart said he has made it a point to meet and talk with any residents, who had concerns.

"I made it a point to talk with anybody on this issue," Inyart said. "I received very little feedback."

City council member Lorelei Sims said the council could have gone one step further to be a little more informative.

Tremain said her and other neighbors sent letters to the mayor expressing their concern.

Along with rezoning some of the areas to make them applicable to duplexes, the developer is also requesting smaller lots.

The lot size will be reduced to 75 feet wide as opposed to 100 feet.

This request was done because William Tapella, a representative of the developer, said he thinks the market has changed.

Having smaller lots gives a homeowner the opportunity to put more money into their house instead of their land, Inyart said.

Residents argued this might not be the case because they bought their house wanting a large

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Concerned Charleston resident Rachel Tremain speaks to the city council Tuesday evening at the Municipality building about the negative effects a new subdivision might have on the value of her family's home.

# Presentation to help faculty avoid proposal mistakes

BY KAYLA CROW  
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern's Faculty Development and Grants and Research departments will hold a presentation on how to write a research proposal titled, "How to write a proposal to the Council on Faculty Research."

The presentation will take place at 12 p.m. today in the Paris Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

It will discuss suggestions on making a proposal competitive and examples of recent proposals that received funding.

Bob Chesnut, the director of grants and research, is presenting the program.

Eastern gives out internal funding for research and creative activity twice a year, in the spring and the fall. The next round of funding to be given out

is for research over the summer and consists of 20 grants worth \$4,000 each for a total of \$80,000 in funding, Chesnut said.

"The \$4,000 pays a faculty member's salary while he or she conducts a project involving research or creative activity during the summer," he said.

Proposals for projects during the school year are considered at a separate time. These grants do not include salary for the faculty during the project, he said.

Funding for internal grants comes out of Eastern's budget, while funding for external grants comes from an outside agency. Agencies that often provide outside funding include the Illinois Department of Public Health or the Federal Department of Education, Chesnut said.

Today's presentation will help faculty members learn what constitutes a good proposal and avoid common mistakes. Chesnut said that there are four

common mistakes that faculty members make when writing proposals.

"(One mistake is) failing to follow the required format," he said. "The proposal format is based on a series of questions. Sometimes the question is not answered, or it is answered under a different question."

Other common mistakes are not defining unfamiliar terms, writing in a way that is too technical for the audience or not explaining what makes the proposal different than other proposals in the past, Chesnut said.

After proposals are turned in, the Council on Faculty Research reviews them and chooses which ones will receive funding. The council is made up of two representatives from each of the four colleges

## Top four mistakes...

...faculty make when writing proposals for internal funding

- #1 Not following required format and not answering the required questions.
- #2 Failing to define unfamiliar terms
- #3 Writing at a level too technical for the general audience
- #4 Not explaining how the proposal is different than projects that have been done before

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Information according to according to Bob Chesnut, director of grants and research.



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### CAMPUS BRIEFS

## Flu shots change location this week

Walk-ups will be taken Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Health Service Medical Clinic on the first floor of the Human Services Building.

Other times are available by appointment by calling 581-2727.

### Frankenstein vs disabled social class lecture

Mark Mossman, associate professor

of literature and of disability studies at Western Illinois University, will lecture on disability studies at 4 p.m. today in Booth Library Room 4440.

Mossman will be discussing the parallels between the story of Frankenstein's monster and the category of disabilities today.

This discussion is offered as part of the Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature traveling exhibition on display at Booth Library until Nov. 22.

### Frankenstein film to play today in Booth Library

Jerry Eisenhour, professor of theatre arts, will be moderating the film "Frankenstein" at 7 p.m. today in Booth Library Room 3202.

This film is offered as part of the Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature traveling exhibition, which will remain on display throughout the Booth Library until Nov. 22.

## TALKING TO THE PRESS



SARAH WHITNEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Public Relations Student Society of America and the Society of Collegiate Journalists, Russ Leonard, of WEIU, Sara Wagoner of *The Agency*, and Matt Meinheit and Brian Gartlan of *The DEN*, talk about their summer internships Tuesday evening in Buzzard Hall. More than 25 journalism and communication studies majors attended.

### COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

## SIU-C faces discrimination suit

BY ZACK QUAINANCE

(The Daily Egyptian) CARBONDALE - With the threat of a Justice Department lawsuit looming, Southern Illinois University Chancellor Walter Wendler said Monday he is still hoping a meeting with officials would absolve allegations that three graduate scholarships are discriminatory.

The University must eliminate the programs before Nov. 18 or suffer legal action from the U.S.

Department of Justice, the federal agency wrote in a Nov. 4 letter.

According to the letter, investigators concluded SIUC has participated in a pattern of discrimination against whites, non-preferred minorities and males.

### Sony distributing spyware

BY CARLOS BERGFELD

LUBBOCK, Texas - Software designed by Sony BMG Music Entertainment to protect copyright-

ed music aided hackers in infiltrating listeners' computers.

Sony BMG vowed Friday to cease manufacturing CDs with the "XCP" content protection enabled.

The company also provided a patch to antivirus companies and consumers at <http://cp.sonybmg.com/xcp>.

The protection limits how many copies the owner of a music CD can make and tracks a listener's use of a CD through an included music player.

### TODAY'S EVENTS

#### Deadline to withdraw

Wednesday is the deadline to withdraw from second-half term courses.

#### Hearing testing

10 a.m. | Available by appointment. Contact Linda Huddleston. 581-2712  
Second floor of the Human Services Building.

#### OASIS

Noon | Meeting of nontraditional student support group.  
Adult Commuter Student Lounge, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

### ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers "What is your favorite part about Thanksgiving?"

- A) The yummy food.
- B) The football games.
- C) Spending time with the family.
- D) The turkey-induced nap.

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### EARLY HEADLINES

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### CORRECTIONS

In Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, there were two errors in the package describing Student Government election parties. The name of one party is the United University party, and the Student United Party has 22 members. *The News* regrets the errors.

### WTF?

## New species of lemur named after John Cleese

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ZURICH, Switzerland - Most people know him as the Minister for Silly Walks on "Monty Python" or as Q in James Bond films. But John Cleese will also go down in history for another reason: lemurs.

Researchers from the University of Zurich have named a newly discovered species of lemur — one

of the most primitive and endangered primates in the world — after the British comedian in honor of his work with the animal.

The avahi cleesei, which weighs less than two pounds and eats leaves, was discovered in Western Madagascar in 1990 by a team led by anthropologist Urs Thalmann and his colleague Thomas Geissman of Zurich University.

The name is a tribute to Cleese's promotion of the plight of lemurs in the movie "Fierce Creatures" and documentary "Operation Lemur with John Cleese," the university said in a statement. A lemur even appears next to Cleese on his Web site.

The lemur's long legs are the only physical attribute it shares with Cleese.



# Fashion show held to raise Katrina funds

By KATIE RAGONA  
STAFF REPORTER

As the models walked down the runways, music matching their clothing's decade filtered through the auditorium.

Students were welcomed Tuesday to view a fashion show held to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina and Rita for the American Red Cross.

The event was held by the sociology of clothing class and the School of Family and Consumer Sciences in the Lumpkin Hall auditorium.

Professor Katie Shaw had the idea to hold a fashion-show fundraiser about a week after Hurricane Katrina occurred.

In each of the programs, there was a white envelope for students and audience members to place donations that are to be sent to the American Red Cross.

The auditorium was decorated in white tooling and white Christmas lights. A sign was centered in the middle of the stage titled "Passion for Fashion," the theme for the show.

It displayed styles not only from the current season, but also from all of decades of the 20th century.

The models first walked the runway in clothes based on the beginning of the

1900s and worked their way to current-day fashions.

Erin Thiemeier, a senior family and consumer sciences merchandising major, was at the door welcoming students into the fashion show.

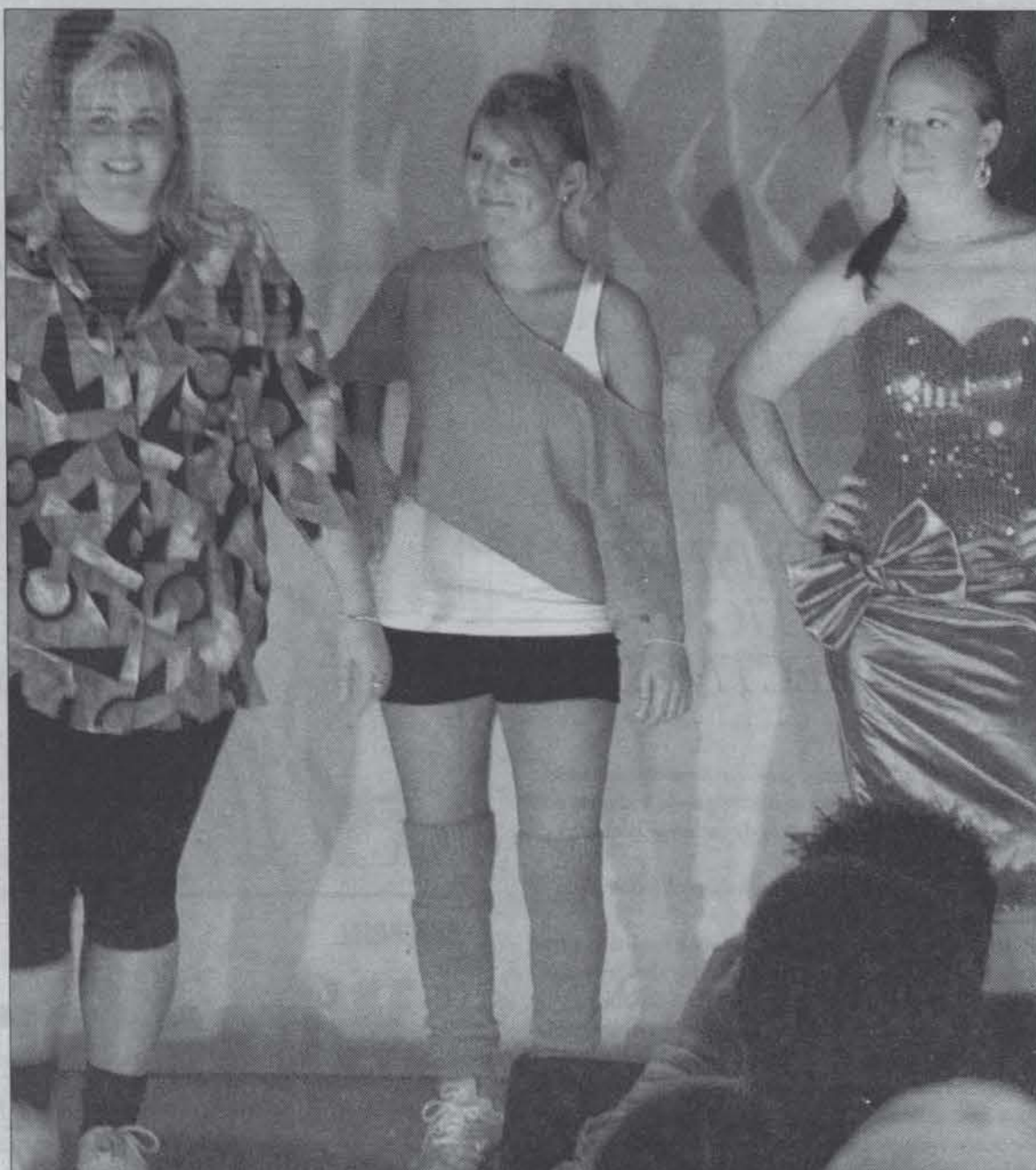
Thiemeier said the idea to do the show with many decades came about because her class had recently done a project researching the different fashions of the decades.

The costumes were donated by families and accurately portrayed the styles of the different eras.

One costume was made to copy that of Rosie the Riveter, a famous World War II poster character, while other outfits were similar to those worn by Jackie Kennedy Onassis.

Many students were there to support the 50 models that had volunteered to walk the runway, but they were happy to help contribute a donation to Hurricane Katrina.

"Our roommate is one of the people who is helping to put this on, and we're just here to watch and see what they've done, and we've also heard there's some interesting outfits," said Lauren Hogeboom, a junior communication-studies major.



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

April Inglis, a senior elementary education major, Kristen Russler, a sophomore psychology major, and Peggy Newquist, a junior family and consumer science major, pose in front of a full auditorium in Lumpkin Hall Tuesday evening for the "Passion For Fashion" show put on by the sociology of clothing class and the School of Family and Consumer Sciences.

## Student Senate to address '10-minute rule'

By DAVID THILL  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Jill David, academic affairs committee chair of Student Senate, went to class the other day to find her professor missing. David said she and other students were unaware of how long to wait before leaving should the professor not show up.

The problem, David said, is one that happens more often than she'd like. However, should Senate resolu-

tion 05-06-05 be passed at tonight's Student Senate meeting, a recommendation could help clear up that problem.

The resolution is a call for professors to add an item to their syllabi addressing how long students should wait until leaving, should a professor fail to show up for class, said Student Speaker Adam Howell.

"Academic Affairs has a very comprehensive plan," Howell said. "Nothing is concrete. (Student Senate)

is just getting the lay of the land before anyone goes forward with anything."

David said the resolution is just a recommendation and while professors do not have to go forward with it, he thought it was a "step in the right direction."

"Out of respect to the teacher, how long do you wait?" David said. "Really this is just a step to help clarify any misconceptions and clear up any misunderstandings."

"Really, the term '10-minute rule' is

the wrong label for this."

Howell said the recommendation is a good way of solving the problem.

"One of the best ways to do this is to allow individual professors individual leniency as to do what works best for their class," Howell said. "This really



ADAM HOWELL

looks out for the professors, it's to protect the faculty."

David also said the resolution is to help clear up the responsibility of the students to attend class.

Student Senate will also be voting on a resolution to donate money toward a Student Government conference in Texas. Senate will also be voting on legislation to grant money to go toward the upcoming Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting, Howell said.

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### COMMENTARY



**MICHAEL SCHROEDER**  
MONTHLY COLUMNIST

## TICKLED PINK BY POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

It seems almost on a weekly basis that there is another event in the news that shows America is getting more and more politically correct to the point that nobody can say or do anything without offending someone.

The latest example of this has been the pink locker room debate from the University of Iowa.

Since 1980, Iowa has painted their visiting football locker rooms pink at the request of Head Coach Hayden Fry, a psychology major, who read that pink has a pacifying effect. A mood that is less than ideal for a group of men preparing to play the highly emotional and aggressive sport of football.

Two Iowa law professors, Erin Buzuvis and Jill Gaubling, of course see it differently. Buzuvis and Gaubling have made it their personal vendetta to defend the well being of women and gays by declaring the color pink officially theirs.

This of course is news to the manufactures of Pepto-Bismol, who had no idea that they were saying that only women, gays and "sissy girlie men" use their medicine for stomach aches. I guess real men, like myself, tough out our stomach aches.

"The pink locker room is a subtle way of painting the words 'sissy,' 'girlie man'... on the walls," Buzuvis claims.

From what I have read about her and seen on TV, it is a safe assumption that Buzuvis knows as much about football, specifically football in the state of Iowa, as I do about nanotechnology.

So she obviously doesn't realize that even if the whole purpose of putting the pink walls up were to call the visitors "girls" or "queer," it still doesn't matter because the whole purpose is to create a distraction.

There are two ways to go about this issue as a visiting team, ignore it or allow it to bother you; it's really a win-win situation for Iowa. If a team, such as the University of Colorado, takes time to put construction paper over the walls, then that is time they are not spending developing a game plan.

Either way, advantage Iowa or advantage nobody.

Buzuvis and Gaubling, who appear to be on the look out for anything that could possibly be offensive, don't even think of this, instead they jump off the handle and scream about political correctness.

This is a situation that is becoming more and more prevalent in America. Groups of people, be it by gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any number of distinguishing characteristics are so concerned about being offended that they disregard common sense.

Bottom line, the word pink does not equal gay or women oppression.

In this case, Buzuvis and Gaubling want the locker room repainted to stop sending messages that perpetuate offensive stereotypes about women and homosexuality, all from a color.

The second grade equivalent of this would be a little boy running home to their mom crying "mommy, mommy, Johnny made fun of me by giving me a pink shirt. He thinks I'm a girl."

It's ridiculous that grown educated individuals are reverting to this childish thought structure. Colors are not owned by anyone or any group, it is just a color.

These individuals need to just grow up and stop worrying so much about what everyone else is thinking. Not everybody is out trying to poke fun at someone. And if something is said that could be offensive, have a little backbone and just move on.

It isn't the end of the world if somebody is having fun by painting a locker room pink; their motivation is simply to get a psychological edge. Buzuvis and Gaubling need to grow up and stop worrying about it.

I would be tickled gay if they did.

*Schroeder, a senior history education major, can be reached at [cumjs1@iu.edu](mailto:cumjs1@iu.edu).*

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAVID HANLEY



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### EDITORIAL

## Wired for the classroom

Eight Eastern professors have adopted the technique of using podcasts. But despite this small advance, Eastern is falling behind in the way of offering courses for the technologically inclined.

For the fall semester, Eastern offered 31 courses over the Internet. The online, or technology-delivered, course catalog can be found on Eastern's Registration Office Web site. The spring 2006 schedule is not yet up.

However, Eastern is still falling short of other universities and community colleges in the state.

Although Western Illinois University in Macomb has not yet incorporated podcasts, it will offer 43 courses online in spring 2006. Lake Land College has also embraced online learning, offering 97 courses next semester and as many as 120 in the past.

While Lake Land College is obviously a commuter school, and that may put them in a different category than Eastern, Eastern also has a significant amount of commuter students who would benefit by Internet classes.

Eastern is on the right track by recognizing that podcasts will utilize students' popular technology like the iPod, which are continually growing in popularity.

By recording a lecture in class and making it available to students, professors provide the best possible study guide while freeing up their own time that might otherwise be taken up

#### At issue

Technology's effects on the classroom and higher education as a whole.

#### Our stance

Internet classes and podcasting are two things that Eastern should adopt more heavily to use for its student body. Other schools in the state use online courses and iPods in various manners, and especially for commuter students, this is a benefit that works out well in the long run.

with questions on said lecture.

However, online courses offer an opportunity for students to exercise self-discipline, so they can manage their class time on the same table as work and other classes.

More emphasis should be put on nontraditional learning techniques that allow students to showcase their abilities in a different way than normal classroom discussion or lecture.

Some may argue that there are ways around taking an online course seriously, making it difficult for students to truly gain from the experience. But students find loopholes in any opportunity. College is only as much as a student makes it; a trite saying, but true. Students who take their education seriously will benefit from online courses.

Those who do not or choose to step around the rules for such offerings will make sacrifices in their futures in the job market.

Online courses are the next step in issuing in the up-and-coming technological way of life. They allow students to pursue their education while still undertaking other opportunities that would not be possible with set hours in the classroom.

Courses over the Internet can benefit the serious student and should be a more serious concern to Eastern.

*The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.*

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* wants to know what students think about current events, campus issues, college living and anything else students would like to address.

Editorial cartoons run everyday, while guest columns run once a week on Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to write a column or draw a cartoon, but it is at the editor's discretion when to run the column or the cartoon.

### COLUMNISTS NEEDED

Have an opinion? We want to hear it! *The Daily Eastern News* is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns. *The DEN* reserves the Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 550 words and can go up to 600 words.

### CARTOONISTS WANTED

*The DEN* is interested in recruiting cartoonists that display artistic ability, particularly caricatures and tasteful humor as well as address campus issues. A grasp of the news and current events is necessary for cartoonists to be effective.

Columns, cartoons and letters can be submitted at room 1811 of Buzzard Hall.

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# Stress may lead to depression

BY KRISTINA PETERS  
STAFF REPORTER

Life for students can become stressful, which can often times lead to depression with the current dreary weather and the arriving of the holidays and finals.

Two counselors gave a presentation titled "I Can't Get Out of Bed" on Tuesday night to help students learn about this serious matter.

Only four students attended the presentation.

"(Depression) is often referred to as the common cold of mental health," said Kim Crowley, an Eastern counselor.

It is like the common cold because many people have experienced some type of depression.

Everyday, and even multiple times a day, students come into the counseling center with symptoms of depression, said Shauna Summers an Eastern counselor.

It can be caused by many different factors, which include changes in the weather, loss of loved ones, career problems, anxiety and low self-esteem.

I think a lot of college students deal with depression because of stress, said



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**Kim Crowley and Shauna Summers talk about how to deal with depression in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Tuesday night.**

Andrew Galo, a freshman political science major.

The ways to treat depression depends on the person's needs and wants.

A poem was presented that illustrated the many feelings of a person who is depressed.

It mentioned that some need hugs

while others need to blow off steam. As well, some want help, whereas others want to figure out for themselves.

There are many ways to help cope with depression and to help those with it.

"Sometimes I have to distract myself by watching TV and movies," Summers said.

Other ways to cope are to exercise, eat healthy, seek therapy, get medicine, and reduce alcohol and smoking consumption.

"Limiting alcohol, caffeine and nicotine can have a positive effect on your mood," Summers said.

It is also important to spot depression and to look at the symptoms. These range from environmental to physical factors.

"Not one of these would cause you to be depressed," Crowley said.

Those who are depressed will often have changes in appetite, sleep, and anhedonia.

Crowley describes anhedonia as someone who no longer enjoys the same things they once did.

However, depression can also be a result of chemical and biological factors.

It is important to learn about depression so it can be spotted and stopped, Summers said.

The counseling center provides individual and group therapy for those who suffer from depression.

"I thought (the presentation) was very helpful and enlightening," said Galo.

## Holiday lights make higher bills

BY ERIN MILLER  
CITY EDITOR

Holiday lights will start illuminating the streets of Charleston as Christmas creeps closer and closer.

The holidays also bring higher electric bills for many residents because of the Christmas decorations and colder weather.

Bills not only go up because people decorate their houses, but also because people stay home more since the weather is colder, said Leigh Morris, spokesperson for the Ameren Corporation.

Also, the end of daylight savings time contributes to using lights more, Morris said.

Fires also increase during the holidays because residents do not take the proper precautions when decorating.

"They don't increase significantly," said Chief Darrell Nees, of the Charleston Fire Department. "But fires do go up around Christmas."

The use of extension cords and overloading outlets are some of the most common problems during the holiday season.

"You never want to run an extension cord through a window or door," Morris said. "You should plug your lights into the nearest outlet."

Morris said he also recommends only plugging three standard strings of lights into a single outlet.

Dry Christmas trees, faulty lighting and burning candles are all major causes for fires around the holidays, Nees said.

"If you take shortcuts you are asking for trouble," Morris said.

He recommends that anytime people use outdoor lights they should be plugged into a ground fault circuit interrupter, which is a safety device to keep users from getting electrocuted if it comes in contact with water.

"The plug does cost of little more money," Morris said. "But how much are you willing to pay for your life?"

## Clean Access Program stops viruses in residence halls

BY SETH MILLER  
STAFF REPORTER

Brian Frieze, a freshman geography major, was setting up his computer for the fall semester and had downloaded the new anti-virus updates.

He then restarted his computer for the installation to be complete.

When his computer started up again, he discovered a virus had corrupted his computer, along with four or five other residents' computers in Carman Hall.

The computer lab in Carman Hall restored his computer to its original programming.

Last year, it was common for Eastern's network to crash because of computer viruses. Eastern decided to invest in a new program to stop that from happening again.

This semester there have been significantly less crashes than last year.

The Clean Access system started out as another system called Persigo. Then Cisco systems bought out the

company that owned Persigo and changed it to Cisco Clean Access.

Because Eastern uses programs provided by Cisco, the school traded its old program for the new Clean Access program.

The program works by identifying whether or not the user's computer has the most up to date virus protection and other critical updates.

With less than three weeks in the semester, it seems that the system has worked.

Chat Chatterji, assistant vice-president of Information Technology, said Clean Access has been very helpful in preventing crashes and treating viruses.

Students around campus are complaining less about problems with viruses on their computer.

While Clean Access prevents computers that are not up-to-date or have viruses from logging on to Eastern's network, it does not stop spyware from getting on to a person's computer and damaging.

Evan Couzens, a junior English major, works at the computer lab in Stevenson Hall said that they deal

with 10 to 15 people a week who have problems with their computers.

"Spyware tracks what you do, where you go, and can cause pop-ups" said Sundance Hopkins, a junior special education major, who also works in the Stevenson Computer Lab.

Spyware, however, acts differently than a regular computer virus.

A virus gets on a person's computer and multiplies, whereas spyware just stays on a computer and causes pop-ups which can slow down the performance of the computer.

A lot of spyware programs enter computer by "piggy-backing" on other harmless looking programs.

File sharing programs are the worst offenders of having spyware.

Services like Limewire or Kazaa, where students can download music and movies, have been known to have spyware programs on their movies. So when students download them, they get a load of spyware programs.

Hopkins recommends several ways to prevent a computer from receiving spyware. "Don't open malicious e-mails, and don't go to websites your not comfortable visiting," Hopkins said.

If a person does have spyware on their computer, he or she could get it removed using websites Tiend Micro.

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# After deadly twister, severe storms roll across Midwest

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EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Just eight days after a deadly tornado struck southwestern Indiana, another strong storm system rolled across the nation's mid-section Tuesday, producing funnel clouds in at least three states.

The National Weather Service issued tornado watches and warnings for the Evansville area, as well as for parts of Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois and Kentucky.

Funnel clouds were sighted in Indiana and Illinois, but it was unclear how many remained aloft or touched the ground. There were no immediate reports of serious injuries.

Andy Zirkle, a spokesman for the Indiana Emergency Management Agency, said the severe storms destroyed at least seven homes in the southern part of the state.

"The wind was just really, really ferocious," said Julie Wilz, a desk clerk at the Red Roof Inn in Montgomery, where about 15 people took shelter during the storm. Before heading inside, she said she saw the tip of a funnel cloud.

In western Tennessee, a funnel cloud reportedly touched down, damaging an undetermined number of buildings in Henry and Weakley counties.

"Numerous homes there were damaged, some

completely destroyed," said Faye Scott, spokeswoman for the Henry County Sheriff's Department. "It's major destruction."

The tornado made a direct hit on Henry County's emergency management center, forcing authorities to relocate to another building to handle the disaster, County Mayor Brent Greer said.

The county medical center treated 13 people with injuries, mostly cuts and bruises, hospital spokeswoman Sandra Sims said.

The storm ripped the roof off the main shop at the county highway department, destroyed two smaller shops and damaged a furniture manufacturer next door, Greer said.

Most of the highway department staffers were able to take cover in the basement. "We're very fortunate," Greer said.

In neighboring Weakley County, up to seven homes and trailers were damaged or destroyed.

The National Weather Service could not immediately confirm the tornadoes.

Flood warnings also were posted as more than 6 inches of rain fell in parts of the Ohio River Valley.

Meteorologists said a cold front moving east and colliding with warm, unstable air was producing severe thunderstorms across the central Mississippi and lower Ohio valleys.

## Miller and Busch continue beer battle

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE — The latest fight in the U.S. beer battle is a matter of taste.

Miller Brewing Co. says rival Anheuser-Busch has altered Bud Light in the past year to make it more bitter and bubbly, rolling out the claim about Bud Light in national television ads that began airing Friday. The company said data it has collected show Bud Light's bitterness and carbonation rose from last year.

Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. called Miller's claims "another marketing ploy" and complained to cable networks that the statements are false.

Now, 10 of 32 cable networks contracted to run the commercials have put them on hold while awaiting substantiation of the claims, said Pete Marino, a spokesman for Milwaukee-based Miller, a unit of SAB Miller PLC.

Several networks, including TBS, TNT and E!, have held the ads, while others such as CNN, CNN Headline News and Comedy Central continue to air them,

Marino said Tuesday. Broadcast networks ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox were not targeted in the ad buys, he said.

"All we're saying that they're doing is that they changed Bud Light and that Miller Lite still has more taste," Marino said. "We need to be very diligent in protecting our taste claim."

Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. said Monday it has not altered its "winning formula." However, the company added, "our brewmasters are constantly making small adjustments to address seasonal changes in raw ingredients."

Bud Light remains the highest-selling light beer in the world, according to St. Louis-based Anheuser-Busch, which also controls nearly half the U.S. beer market.

"We saw negative advertising that included our product, and we were in the best position to explain to the networks that these claims are not true," Anheuser-Busch group vice president of brewing operations, Douglas Muhleman, said in a statement Tuesday.

### NATIONAL BRIEFS



## Chinese immigrants accused of stealing Navy info indicted in LA

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — A Chinese-American engineer and two relatives who allegedly conspired to steal sensitive information about Navy warships and smuggle it to China were indicted Tuesday on federal charges, authorities said.

The grand jury indictment charges Chi Mak, 65, his wife and brother with acting as agents of a foreign government without prior notification to the U.S. attorney general, according to the U.S. attorney's office.

Federal officials said Mak took computer disks from Anaheim defense contractor Power Paragon, where he was lead engineer on a sensitive research project involving propulsion systems for Navy warships.

He and his wife, Rebecca Laiwah Chiu, 62, then copied the information to CDs and delivered them to Tai Wang Mak, 56, who was scheduled to fly to Hong Kong on Oct. 28 with his wife, Fuk Heung Li, an FBI affidavit said.

### Retail sales post solid gains, except automobiles; core wholesale prices fall, excluding food and energy costs

WASHINGTON — Retail sales performed far better than expected in October as consumers took encouragement from falling gasoline prices.

In other good economic news, core prices at the wholesale level — excluding food and energy costs — dropped by 0.3 percent last month, the biggest decline in two years. That offered reassurance that the big run-up in energy prices has yet to spill over into more widespread inflation.

The Commerce Department reported that retail sales dipped 0.1 percent in October. However, the weakness was concentrated in a 3.6 percent decline in auto sales as the boost from summer sales incentives waned and consumers shunned gas-guzzling sport utility vehicles.

### Congressional lawmakers decide New York is to lose \$125 million in 9/11 aid for sick workers

WASHINGTON — Congressional budget negotiators have decided to take back \$125 million in Sept. 11 aid from New York, which had fought to keep the money to treat sick and injured ground zero workers, lawmakers said Tuesday.

New York officials had sought for months to hold onto the funding, originally meant to cover increased worker compensation costs stemming from the 2001 terror attacks.

But a massive labor and health spending bill moving fitfully through House-Senate negotiations would take back that funding, lawmakers said.

"It seems that despite our efforts the rescission will stand, very sadly, and that is something of a promise broken," said Rep. Vito Fossella, R-N.Y. "We will try hard in the coming weeks, but ultimately Congress will have something of a black eye over this."

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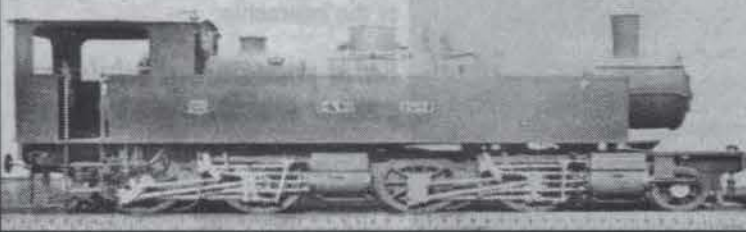
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## Jury begins deliberations in teen murder, dismemberment trial

ROCK ISLAND — A Rock Island County jury ended its first day of deliberations Tuesday in the trial of a 17-year-old girl charged with killing a 16-year-old schoolmate whose body was burned, sawed into pieces and scattered in two counties.

Prosecutors allege Sarah Kolb killed Adrienne Reynolds because Reynolds was trying to get Kolb's boyfriend to break up with her and Reynolds had gone on a date two days earlier with Kolb's ex-boyfriend, who is also charged in the Jan. 21 slaying.

Rock Island County State's Attorney Jeff Terronez alleges Kolb and Gregory each had a hand in killing Reynolds, of East Moline. He said Gregory held Reynolds' arms while Kolb choked her until she was unconscious but still breathing. Gregory then "put a belt around her neck and finished what Sarah Kolb had started," he said.

## Judge recommends Emerald's gambling license be revoked

CHICAGO — An administrative law judge who oversaw hearings aimed at revoking Emerald Casino Inc.'s gambling license recommended Tuesday that the license be revoked.

The Illinois Gaming Board must still vote on the recommendation by Abner Mikva, a former U.S. Court of Appeals chief judge and congressman. If the board revokes the license, Emerald can appeal to an Illinois Appellate Court.

"At least since 1997, when Emerald first lost its license, it and its principals have played fast and loose with the law and with the rules and regulations of IGB (the Illinois Gaming Board). Its modus operandi seemed to be, 'Catch me if you can,' rather than abide by the legal and eth-

ical standards that the law imposes on those privileged to get a gambling license," Mikva wrote in his recommendation.

Mikva said Emerald's shareholders and officers made several misstatements or failed to provide required information to the Gaming Board.

## Former day care director gets prison for stealing \$96,000

ROCKFORD — A woman who stole \$96,000 from a non-profit day care center she ran, then spent the cash on alcohol, cigarettes and underwear will spend at least 21 months in prison.

Circuit Judge Richard Vidal's sentence Monday came more than three years after Lynn Montgomery, 40, of Rockford, was fired as director of Little Peoples Place in Rockford because agency officials traced missing funds to her.

According to prosecutors, Montgomery embezzled money over three years, and also used it to buy a video game system, gas and shampoo. Her actions forced the 32-year-old agency to close in 2003.

Vidal said the prison sentence will give Montgomery, the mother of three school-age children, time to understand "the horrible consequences of her actions."

Montgomery confessed to the crime in July. As part of the guilty plea, prosecutors agreed to ask for a maximum prison term of four years.

## Autopsy scheduled for body discovered at Drake Hotel

CHICAGO — An accountant for the Fox network TV show "Prison Break" was found dead at the landmark Drake Hotel, authorities said Tuesday.

Matthew Houbick, 42, of Calabasas, Calif., was found Monday lying on the floor of his hotel room unresponsive and with no pulse, Chicago Police spokesman Pat Camden said Tuesday.

# Two top state transportation department executives resign

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD — Two top Illinois Department of Transportation executives have resigned in the past five days, bringing to four the number of key staffers who have left the agency in the past 10 weeks.

The department's chief of staff, Robin Black, and its external affairs director, Kim Morreale, have submitted letters of resignation and will take private-sector jobs, agency spokesman Matt Vanover said Tuesday.

Vanover said there is no connection between the two latest departures and a U.S. attorney's office inquiry into the department's hiring practices.

Coupled with resignations in late August

and mid-September, IDOT has vacancies in four key leadership posts. Vanover said the agency is reviewing candidates for the other two openings — director of finance and administration and director of the highway division.

"It's always good to have folks on board but the operation will continue to move forward," Vanover said. "They all have good people underneath them to pick up the slack in directing the department."

Black, 36, who makes \$99,000, was named Transportation Secretary Timothy Martin's chief of staff in March 2003. She had been director of intergovernmental affairs for the Chicago Public Schools, where Martin had been chief operating officer before Gov. Rod Blagojevich tabbed him.

## Former Texas senator to tell trial about Ryan's role in 1996 presidential run

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Brushing aside objections from George Ryan's lawyers, a federal judge cleared the way Tuesday for testimony from former Sen. Phil Gramm concerning money the former governor's daughters got after he endorsed the Texas Republican's 1996 presidential campaign.

U.S. District Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer turned down a last-minute plea from Ryan's lawyers to prevent Gramm from taking the witness stand for what prosecutors say will be as little as 30 minutes of direct examination Thursday at the former governor's racketeering and fraud trial.

Ryan's attorneys said that nothing in the 22-

count racketeering and mail fraud indictment against Ryan and lobbyist friend Larry Warner suggests that Gramm was the victim of a crime.

Defense attorney Bradley E. Lerman said "Mr. Gramm is going to be presented to the jury as the victim of a fraud" and therefore should not be allowed on the witness stand.

Lead prosecutor Patrick M. Collins countered that Ryan told federal agents that it was the Gramm campaign's idea that he should receive consulting fees for his efforts on behalf of Gramm.

He said Gramm is expected to contradict that statement. He added that jurors should hear the whole story of Ryan's connection with the Gramm campaign.

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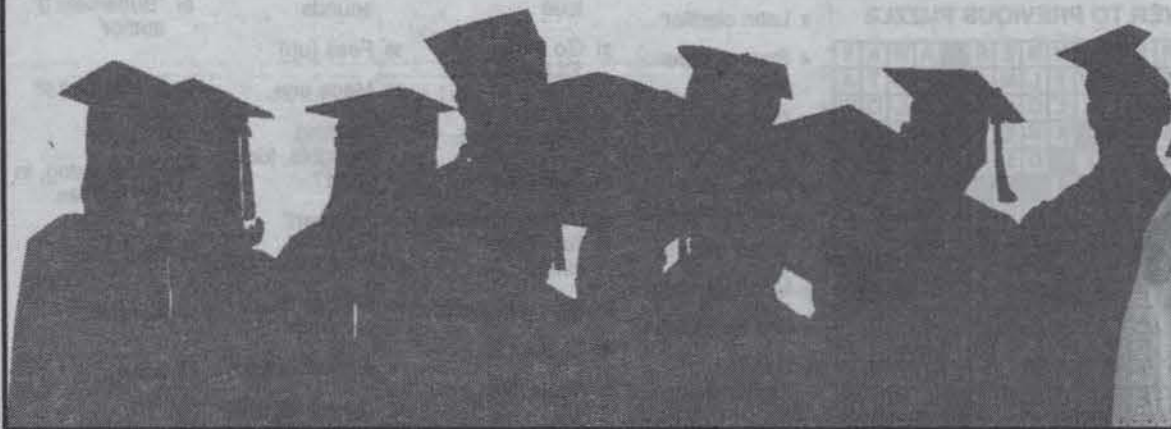
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1 Derby features

6 James who wrote "The Postman Always Rings Twice"

10 Golden Fleece transporter

14 State-named avenues in Washington, essentially

15 Plot part

16 Zig or zag

17 First-stringers

18 Obits, basically

19 A penny is a small one

20 Start of a quizzical Bob Seger lyric

23 "\_\_\_ chance!"

24 Employed pols

25 Pin holders

27 Hams it up for the camera

29 With 46-Across, song containing the lyric in this puzzle

31 Dowdy one

34 Venomous snake

35 Mark of mediocrity

36 Spy novelist Deighton

37 Lyric, part 2

41 H, to Homer

42 Interject

43 "Scream" director Craven

44 Performed satisfactorily

46 See 29-Across

49 Butinsky, e.g.

51 Wrap brand

52 Submit to gravity

53 Bawls

57 End of the lyric

61 Race pace

62 Watched warily

63 Good and steamed

64 Clinton's attorney general

65 Stage solo

66 Lorelei, notably

67 Mideast port

68 Plenty

69 Passed out

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1 Muscles

2 Pi, for one

3 Latin clarifier

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5 California's Valley

6 Cruise ship accommodations

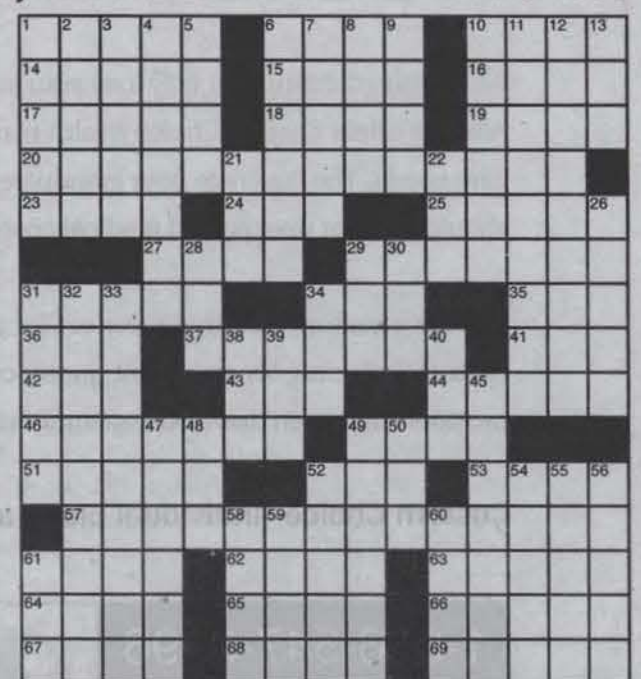
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8 Monopoly token

9 Site for brooding

10 Sporty Studebaker

11 Gave up



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12 Figure out

13 Load from a lode

21 Go after 13-Down

22 Mauna Observatory

26 Fajita filler

28 "America's Next Top Model" ailer

29 Shade of blond

30 Student no.

31 Heels alternative

32 Like Lucille Ball

33 Too pink, say

34 Sympathetic sounds

38 Fess (up)

39 Made one

40 Passing thoughts, for short?

45 "I swear!"

47 Be a servant to

48 Neither Rep. nor Dem.

49 Bamboo lovers

50 Teamwork spoiler

52 Yarn unit

54 "Butterfield 8" author

55 Some kind of nut

56 Hagar's dog, in the funnies

58 Shipshape

59 Newbie

60 Feral

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INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS

# Ariel Sharon's eldest son pleads guilty to fraudulent fundraising

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's eldest son pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges of illegal fund raising for his father's 1999 election campaign, raising the specter of a prison term and putting his political future in jeopardy.

Omri Sharon, a member of Israel's parliament, appeared briefly in a Tel Aviv court to admit to falsifying corporate documents, perjury and violating party funding laws.

Asked by the judge, if he confessed to the charges, he answered, "Yes," and remained silent for the rest of the proceedings.

Under a plea deal, prosecutors dropped charges of fraud and breach of trust but are demanding imprisonment on the other counts.

Sentencing is scheduled for January. The charges carry a maximum of five years in prison, but the sentence is expected to be much lighter, possibly a suspended sentence or community service.

## Intense race in runoff elections to decide 133 seats in Egypt's parliament

CAIRO, Egypt — Scattered violence erupted during runoff elections Tuesday that saw a heated competition between the long-dominant ruling party and Egypt's leading Islamic group, which hopes to increase its presence in the country's parliament.

Candidates affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's largest Islamic fundamentalist party and its most powerful opposition movement, appeared to be making gains. Early results said Brotherhood candidates won at least 31 seats, with 43 for the ruling National Democratic Party.

The bulk of the 133 seats across the country up for grabs in Tuesday's runoff were still to be announced, and final results have differed greatly from initial announcements in past races.

The NDP has dominated parliament for decades and is expected to keep a large majority, but the Brotherhood has put up unusually fierce competition this time.

Mohammed Mahdi Akef, the Brotherhood leader, urged supporters to try to protect ballot boxes from tampering, saying, "we will defend them to death."

## PROPOSAL:

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and one representative from Booth Library, Chesnut said.

The council has so many members to help ensure that the proposals are considered fairly.

The variety of members work to make sure that approved proposals cover a wide range of topics.

"This structure was chosen in order to make representation as even as possible," Chesnut said.

"The council works hard to select the best proposals regardless of who submits them or what type of research or creative activity is involved."

## COUNCIL:

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er parcel of land.

"As the world changes, we have to change with it," said city council member Larry Rennels.

City council members voted to place the issue on file for public inspection.

They also placed the annexation of the subdivision's retention pond on file for public inspection.

They approved the re-plat of the Riley Creek Subdivision

The developers requested smaller lots, which adds five more lots to the existing plan.

They also voted to table the execution of the Coles County Solid Waste Management Agency agreement until the next meeting.

City council members also approved two raffle permits.

## FACULTY:

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accounts via the deans.

"In the last two years, we've implemented a strategy where we transfer money twice a year," McKenzie said. This is a change from only depositing the funds once a year.

He added that the money is transferred to the deans who then distribute it to the department chairs.

One goal alumni services plans to accomplish is developing a student alumni association to help students better

understand how alumni contributions, such as the clock tower, directly benefit them.

"We want students to see (the clock tower) and know that that was something the alumni contributed to the campus," Rich said. "It makes students aware that the things they're able to do today is because of the contributions of the alumni."

The senate also completed its discussions on Eastern's mission statement.

# SIUC fraternity chapter charged in pledge death

## NATIONAL BRIEFS



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One day after SIUC freshman and Pi Kappa Alpha pledge Brent Johnson's body was found in Cedar Lake, University administrators revealed on Friday that they have charged the fraternity chapter with numerous alcohol and risk management violations tied to Johnson's drowning.

The fraternity chapter, also known as the Pikes, faces eight charges of alleged violations of the University's alcohol and risk management code.

According to SIUC Spokeswoman Sue Davis, University officials sent a

letter to the fraternity chapter Wednesday notifying its members of the charges.

## STUDENT IMPACT ON ELECTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED

Chicago — A six-member panel of students and professionals will come together Tuesday to discuss what impact college students can have on local and national elections.

Hosted by The Illinois Day of Election Advocates and Pi Sigma Alpha, "Students Impact Elections: A Panel Discussion" will bring diverse voices together with the intention of opening a dialogue on the issue.

According to Emily Reynolds, a senior political science and public relations major and co-chair of the IDEA, the event is also intended to raise awareness.

# Rice urges cooperation with trading partners

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUSAN, South Korea — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice urged better cooperation among Asian trading partners facing threats of terrorism, adding Wednesday that richer nations must help poorer ones in that fight.

"In the past year we have seen that the threat of global terrorism is still very real, with vicious new attacks in Indonesia, and Russia and the Philippines," Rice told an opening session of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

"We must build on our new partnership

to deny criminals and terrorists access to deadly conventional weapons," she said.

While in South Korea, Rice was meeting several partners in six-way talks to end North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

South Korea's foreign minister said Tuesday that talks with the North would resume in January. A disappointing round of talks ended last week without new progress this week toward agreeing on details of how to carry out North Korea's pledge in September to abandon nuclear development in exchange for aid and a security guarantee.

The North is insisting on receiving aid

in stages as it dismantles its nuclear programs, while Washington refuses to reward Pyongyang until that goal is achieved.

North Korea on Saturday stood by its demand for aid in exchange for shutting down a plutonium-producing nuclear reactor, saying it won't act until Washington offers concessions.

"As we have to follow the 'action for action' principle, we will act if action is made," the North's envoy to six-nation disarmament talks, said Vice Foreign Minister Kim Gye Gwan. "We will never move first."

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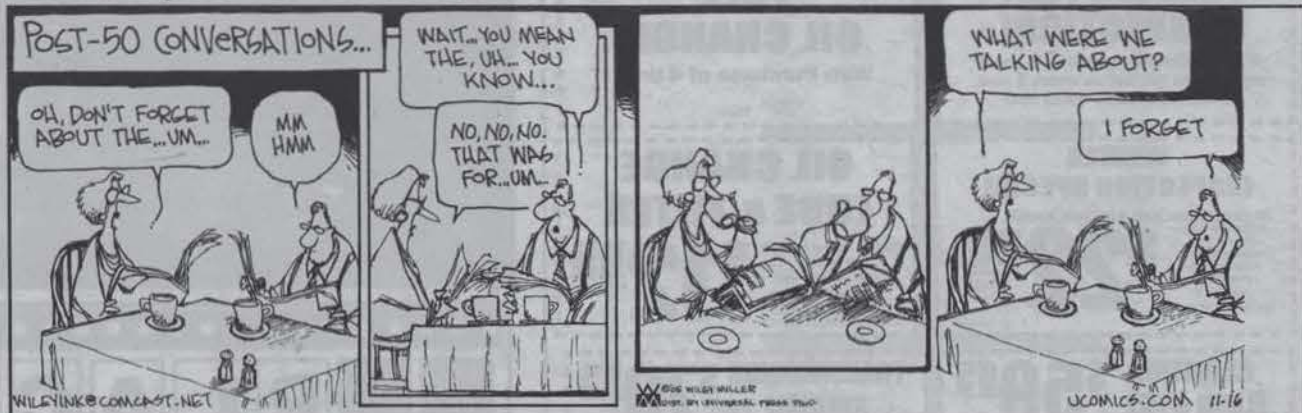
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bunch of disappointed players, you're going to have a bunch of disappointed coaches and you're going to have a bunch of disappointed fans."

If the Panthers win either their game with Jacksonville State or the OVC draw, Eastern could host its first playoff game since 2001.

To host a first round Division I-AA playoff game, a school must pledge \$30,000 to the NCAA. The cost for a second-round game is \$40,000, and the cost to host the semifinals is \$50,000.

And Smith said hosting a first round game would be most challenging.

"The hardest one to meet is the \$30,000 one because the students are gone," Smith said. "We're really going to have to hustle to sell tickets. Will our athletic department make any money off it? No."

Smith spent 11 seasons on the Panther sidelines as defensive coordinator and assistant head coach, and he knows there are good reasons to host a game.

"It's the pride of having it," he said. "It helps to play at home for your team."

And the dividends can spill into the postseason.

"It puts you as one of the top-16 teams in the country when you go out and recruit," Smith said. "Kids like to play for winners."

### SPORTS NETWORK'S I-AA COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLL

TEAM (1ST PLACE VOTES)	RECORD	POINTS	PREV. RANK
1. New Hampshire (56)	9-1	2,522	1
2. Hampton (39)	10-0	2,410	2
3. Montana (3)	8-2	2,371	3
4. Furman	8-2	2,167	6
5. Texas State	8-2	1,996	7
6. Appalachian St. (3)	7-3	1,942	8
7. UMass	7-3	1,846	5
8. Georgia Southern	8-3	1,747	10
9. Coastal Carolina	9-1	1,676	9
10. Northern Iowa	7-3	1,622	14
11. Southern Illinois	7-3	1,525	4
12. Lehigh	8-2	1,441	13
13. Cal Poly	7-3	1,377	15
14. Grambling St.	8-1	1,088	16
15. Youngstown St.	8-3	1,062	19
16. South Carolina St.	8-2	1,037	17
17. Richmond	7-3	912	18
18. Brown	8-1	725	20
19. Eastern Washington	6-4	712	21
20. North Dakota St.	7-3	641	22
21. Eastern Illinois	8-2	625	23
22. Montana St.	6-4	495	11
23. Western Kentucky	6-4	451	12
24. Illinois St.	7-4	283	NR
25. Nicholls St.	5-3	226	NR

Others receiving votes: James Madison 205, Alabama A&M 86, Colgate 81, McNeese State 51, Jacksonville State 41, Lafayette 40, San Diego 36, UC Davis 21, Hofstra 20, Portland State 10, Chattanooga 10

## Pujols wins NL MVP

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Albert Pujols started his career with four starting seasons, equal or better than those of many Hall of Famers. Only Barry Bonds always did better — until this year.

Pujols won his first National League MVP award Tuesday, beating Andruw Jones in a close vote that didn't include Bonds, who missed most of the season because of a knee injury.

"A lot of the fans and even the players, they missed Barry," Pujols said of the seven-time MVP, who had won the previous four seasons. "I wished he would have been healthy and played."

Pujols, the St. Louis Cardinals' first baseman, received 18 first-place votes and 14 seconds for 378 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Jones, the Atlanta Braves' center fielder, got 13 firsts, 17 seconds and two thirds for 351 points.

Chicago Cubs first baseman Derrek Lee got the other first-place vote and was third with 263 points.

"It's awesome when you hear people compare yourself with Barry," Pujols said.

Pujols hit .330 with 41 homers and 117 RBIs. His average was second, five points behind Lee, and he trailed only Jones (51) and Lee (46) in homers. He tied for second in RBIs with 117, 11 behind Jones.

Jones led the major leagues in home runs, batted .263 and won his eighth straight Gold Glove.

"I think he deserved it. The voting was the right vote. He was the right choice," Jones said. "He had the most solid season average wise, home-run wise and RBI wise."

**DANIELS:**

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able to win the Ohio Valley Conference title outright or call correctly on the coin flip) actually stands a chance at winning a national title with a record of 8-2 or 9-2 heading into the postseason. The same cannot be said of a D-I team such as Ohio State (8-2) or Notre Dame (7-2), who are mathematically eliminated from the national title

picture unless the unthinkable happens and USC or Texas is upset.

Instead of rewarding conference champions and other one-loss or two-loss teams with a chance to vie for a national title, D-I football uses six computer rankings along with something called the Harris Interactive Poll and only real poll, the USA Today Coaches Poll.

Granted, I-AA has a computer model called the Gridiron Power Index that is similar in assessing

what at-large teams deserve to get in. But the argument could also be made about the NCAA Tournament and the RPI ratings that the selection committee looks at. Every year in March, teams on the bubble are left out and coaches and fans are left to ponder what if. But at least with the GPI it allows teams the opportunity to win a national title.

Case in point, last year, the No. 1 overall seed in the I-AA playoffs and champion of the Gateway

Conference, Southern Illinois, lost to the second-place team in the Big Sky, Eastern Washington, 35-31.

That loss would be the equivalent this year of USC losing to a team like Auburn (8-2 and 6-1 in the SEC), if the higher-ups of D-I implemented a playoff system. But wait, never mind, Auburn would never have the chance because computers have determined who reigns at the end of the year in I-A football.

Luckily for Eastern, a 9-2 regular season record could end up resulting in a national championship, where as a 9-2 team in Division I could most likely end up at the Capital One Bowl on New Year's day and instead of dreaming about a national title, wonder what's in their wallet.

Matt Daniels is a sophomore journalism major. If you want to know what's in his wallet, let him know at cumwd1@eiu.edu.

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CROSS COUNTRY

# Panther season ends at regionals

By DERRICK JOHNSON II  
STAFF REPORTER

## Men finish 12th, women 17th at national meet hosted by Iowa

The ending for the Panthers cross country season was a little less than climatic this past Saturday.

After competing in the NCAA Regional Championships at the University of Iowa, the men finished 12th and the women 17th; both of the teams were only two places short of their goals.

On the women's side, the loss of Freshman Mallory Fellars and the lack of experience were factors that worked against the Panthers, head coach Geoff Masanet said.

"We didn't run Mallory Fellars because she had a hamstring injury," Masanet said. "That hurt us because she has been pretty consistent.

"Also, I think we're still a young team, and we weren't quite ready enough for a big meet like that...the regionals are not like the OVC."

While the women didn't have enough experience, the men's problems led elsewhere. Throughout the season, the Panthers have been working on staying as close to one another during a race as possible. The Panthers' failure to group together was ultimately their downfall, Masanet said.

"Our guys were so close," Masanet said. "I don't think we packed it up good enough on the guys side. I

think that ultimately became the Achilles heel for us."

While the Panthers fell short of their regional aspirations, they met their goals for the Ohio Valley Conference championship.

When a season is filled with highs and lows, athletes' opinions about their season might differ from one another. Junior Nathan Pepper has a mixed opinion about the Panthers' season.

"It's kind of bitter sweet," Pepper said. "We under accomplished a lot of things. We had not-so-great performances at meets like Pre-

Nationals, but there were a lot of factors that went into this season though. Stout was injured, Dave was sick, I was having trouble with my knee, but at the same time, Strackeljahn had a good season and (Scott McNamer's) season was great."

With the season finally over the Panthers will have to concentrate on what is ahead of them. Junior Dave Carlson has already turned his focus to the upcoming indoor track season.

"I want to get back in shape for indoor," Carlson said. "I wasn't in good shape after I got sick and my cross country season was pretty much ruined after that. I should be in good shape for indoor conference though.

### Meet results

#### MEN'S TEAM TOP 5

1. Oklahoma State - 71 points
2. Iowa - 72 points
3. Kansas - 74 points
4. Minnesota - 77 points
5. Loyola - 182 points

#### MEN'S INDIVIDUAL TOP 5

1. A. Vega (Minn.) - 30:52
2. K. Uhl (Iowa St.) - 30:55
3. M. Noonan (SEMO) - 30:58
4. J. Gray (Ok.St.) - 31:01
5. R. Malm (SE Minn.) - 31:03

#### MEN'S EASTERN TOP 5 TIMES

1. S. McNamer - 32:26
2. D. Carlson - 32:48
3. J. Stout - 33:00
4. N. Pepper - 33:09
5. B. Butler - 33:39

#### WOMEN'S TEAM TOP 5

1. Oklahoma State - 71 points
2. Illinois - 90 points
3. Minnesota - 90 points
4. Wichita State - 126 points
5. Nebraska - 142 points

#### WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL TOP 5

1. D. Osburn (Wichita St.) - 20:43
2. L. Albertson-Junk (Minn.) - 20:52
3. E. Brown (Minn.) - 20:55
4. L. Williams (Minn.) - 21:00
5. M. Davies (Ok. St.) - 21:01

#### WOMEN'S EASTERN TOP 5 TIMES

1. S. Selby - 23:01
2. J. Blondell - 23:58
3. A. Lejeune - 24:07
4. K. O'Brien - 24:09
5. K. Archer - 24:16

### COACH:

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mid-July on the recruiting trail prompted O'Neil's name to surface.

"He and I were talking and I said, 'Hey, do you know any young assistants; I've got a position open and it's a full-time gig,'" Salle said. "(Fennelly) said, 'I'll give you one name, and if you don't hire her you're silly.'"

That one name turned out to be O'Neil.

The position was between O'Neil and another candidate, and Salle said O'Neil "blew the other candidate out of the water."

"I think we're getting Anne on the complete upside of her career," Salle said. "For us to be able to tap into that talent, maybe her first two or three years in this business, she's going to make our program better."

While O'Neil is still making an

adjustment to coaching, she said she is learning as she goes.

"I don't think I've totally defined who I am as a coach," she said. "I was definitely a very vocal and intense person on the court, and I think some of those things have carried over to now."

Senior guard Megan Sparks said the team has benefited just from O'Neil being a year removed from college.

"She's been in the same situation as us, played the same game," Sparks said. "I think we can take anything she says and just apply it to ourselves."

O'Neil's playing career at Iowa State wasn't intended for right out of high school for her. The native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, played her freshman year at the University of Illinois after capping off a stellar prep career. She transferred from Illinois after garnering First Team

All-Freshman and Honorable Mention All-Big Ten accolades.

She enjoyed her time at Illinois but felt a change of scenery was needed.

"Like any other player, you want to make sure it's the right fit for you, and I just thought that Iowa State fit me better as a person and a player," she said.

Before embarking on the Illinois campus, O'Neil wrapped up arguably one of the best high school careers in the state of Iowa. She became the first freshman to lead the state in scoring, averaging 26.3 points per game to go along with 7 rebounds a game at Kennedy High School. She ended her career with 2,494 points and being named Miss Iowa Basketball her senior year while also being her school's salutatorian.

O'Neil believes it is her mindset that helps her accomplish so much.

"I just think that pretty much whatever I put my mind to I want to be very successful at," she said.

After transferring to Ames, Iowa, O'Neil continued her success on and off the court, culminating in earning Honorable Mention All-American honors her senior year, as well as First Team All-Big 12 and First Team Academic All-American.

"I just feel fortunate that our guards, really all our players, can tap into what she's got," Salle said.

Sparks said O'Neil has helped her and the other guards with their individual games.

"She helps us out a lot just on moves to get by the defense, things that are open, things that are working," Sparks said.

Salle said his newest assistant is soaking up all the information she can from him and fellow assistants Rekha Holloman and Lauren Dailey.

"She constantly is in my office wanting to know, 'What do you think I'm doing well?' or 'What do you think I'm not doing well; what can I do more of,'" Salle said.

The transition from playing to coaching is one that some players turned coaches struggle with. Not O'Neil, Salle said.

"The exciting thing for me is to see how quickly she's become interested in what we're doing here," he said. "It's like she's been here for four or five years. She has bought into everything we're doing and has adjusted well to a different system."

Fennelly said O'Neil should succeed at being a coach.

"She's been around the game her whole life," he said. "Some adjustments she'll have to make will come with recruiting and other such matters, but she'll be fine. Our profession needs more people like her."



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Phi Sigma Pi welcomed in seventeen new members on November 15, 2005. Congratulations everyone!  

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Danielle Pettavino	Michelle Weiler	Tereasa Christmon
Travis Billiter	Rachel Brinkman	Frank Whitam
Sarah Jaworski	Michelle Kerr	Jen Manning
Ashlyn Millburg	Danielle Laprairie	Shannon Inboden
Michelle LaGesce	Michelle Bailey	


  
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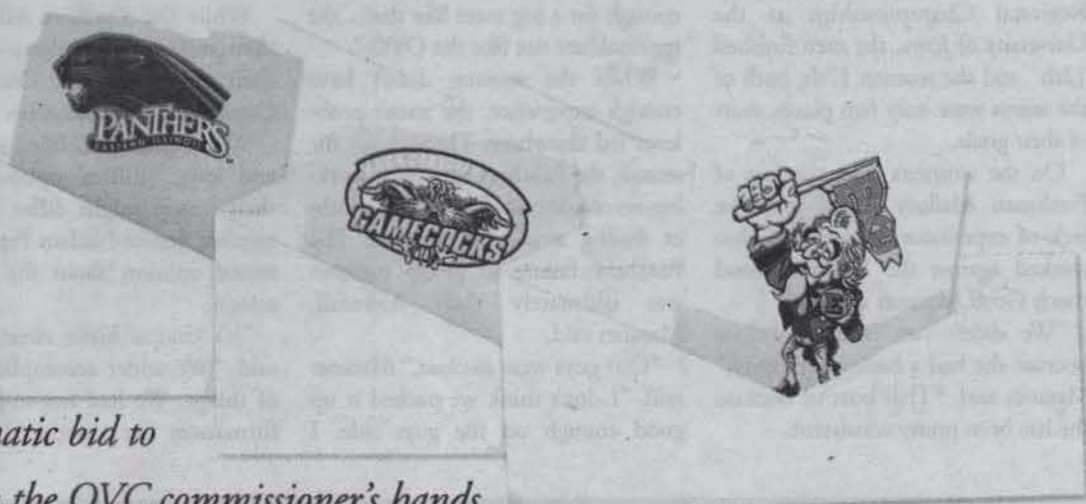
## PANTHER SPORTS CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b>	Swimming at Saint Louis	5:30 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Volleyball vs SEMO (OVC Tournament)</b>	1:30 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Football at Jacksonville State	1 p.m.
	<b>Volleyball (OVC Tournament Semi-Finals)</b>	1:30 p.m.
	Men's Basketball at Xavier	6 p.m.

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

**D**ivision I-AA's playoff system is set up to keep controversy at a minimum by letting its teams decide who's the best on the field.

But, if the Eastern football team loses at Jacksonville State Saturday and Eastern Kentucky wins at Tennessee State, the Panthers, ECU and JSU will all finish 7-1 in conference. And then, the Ohio Valley Conference's automatic bid to the postseason will be out of the players' hands — it'll be in the OVC commissioner's hands.



## The envelope, please ...

The OVC announced its plans for breaking the potential three-way tie Tuesday. Each team's logo will be printed on a sheet of paper and placed in unmarked envelopes. OVC commissioner Jon Steinbrecher will draw one envelope from a box 15 minutes after the Eastern Kentucky game, sending one team into the postseason.

If all three teams finish 7-1, they each would have wins over the rest of the OVC's teams, nullifying the initial tiebreak procedures.

If the tie occurs, the draw will take place in

the athletics offices at Jacksonville State. It would be the first time in OVC history there was a three-team tie at the top.

Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said he isn't concerned with the tiebreak procedures — he's concerned with the Gamecocks (6-4, 6-1 OVC).

"It's just the way it is, and you've got to live with it," he said. "We understand what the circumstances are, and we're just trying to prepare to play a great football team."

While Jacksonville State head coach Jack Crowe declined to comment on the tiebreak,

the third coach in the mix, Eastern Kentucky's Danny Hope, said he thinks there's a better way to decide who goes to the playoffs and who goes home.

"I don't like leaving it up to chance," he said.

Hope said he's in favor of a system that weighs multiple statistical figures with things like schedule strength and road winning percentage. And the team with the strongest composite rankings would earn the conference's berth.

Eastern Kentucky (6-4, 6-1) will send a rep-

resentative to Jacksonville State, and Hope said he has an idea who it should be.

"We're looking for a leprechaun," he said.

The odds of Hope getting his wish and finding a leprechaun rival the odds of a three-way tie of this nature occurring.

The odds of three teams finishing 7-1 in a nine-team conference are 32,781 to 1, according to one math professor's calculations.

But with a Panther loss and an ECU win, a new set of odds become relevant. Eastern (8-2, 7-0) would have a 1-in-3 chance of heading to the playoffs.

Eastern Associate Athletic Director for Development John Smith said if the Panthers' card weren't drawn, it'd be a letdown.

"If we don't make the playoffs, as great of a season as it's been, it's going to put a damper on the season," he said. "You're going to have a

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### Panthers have 2005 WNBA draft pick at their disposal — as a coach

*Former Iowa State All-American takes on coaching*

BY **MATT DANIELS**  
STAFF REPORTER

At the end of Eastern's practice on Monday night, several players and a coach were shooting around. Unknown to most people, that one coach was an All-American on the court and off the court, the leading three-point shooter in the country last year, and a third-round draft pick of the WNBA's Sacramento Monarchs.

First-year assistant Anne O'Neil filled all of these roles and now she is looking to tackle the coaching profession. It was only a year ago that O'Neil played for Iowa State and scored 15 points and grabbed 8 rebounds in an 80-51 rout of Eastern in the Cyclone Classic. A graduate of Iowa State with a degree in communication, O'Neil was drafted in mid-April by the 2005 WNBA champions, the Monarchs, but was waived shortly after arriving at training camp because of recurring stress fractures in her ankles.

"I had them probably since February, so about the last two months of the season pretty much," said O'Neil, whose Cyclones lost to Utah in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last March. "I

enjoyed being drafted. I didn't think that was something that was going to happen. It was kind of a surprise."

Her head coach at Iowa State, Bill Fennelly, said the Monarchs' loss was Eastern's gain.

"When she played, she was very into the scouting reports and other things of that nature," he said. "The work habits that are needed in this profession are already there for her."

O'Neil said the experience with the Monarchs was "eye-opening," even though she was only able to practice for three days.

"I was able to practice full-out, then the next day I went for about a half day, then the third day I couldn't really walk or warm up," she said. "It's kind of bittersweet, but that's just how things go sometimes."

After interning with ESPN at the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., the former Cyclone guard wanted to see if she could crack the coaching profession.

An encounter with Eastern head coach Brady Salce and O'Neil's college coach, Bill Fennelly, in



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**Anne O'Neil is Eastern's newest assistant coach for the women's basketball team. Last year she played in the NCAA tournament for Iowa State and was drafted to the Sacramento Monarchs in 2005.**

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**OUT OF BOUNDS**

**MATT DANIELS**  
STAFF REPORTER

## Earning their title

The college football regular season is almost over for both Division I and I-AA. USC and Texas appear to be the leading candidates to match up in Pasadena for the national title, while in the I-AA world, the champion is unclear.

This is because instead of having a computer tell what two teams should compete for a national championship, the teams actually battle it out on the field. Sixteen teams get the chance to actually earn a title and not pray that a particular computer formula favors them.

With the playoff format that I-AA has (and also Division II and Division III football schools use), a team like Eastern (if they are

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# Minority Today

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## You tell us who's "The Baddest"

### Staff Report

All right EIU, the staff of Minority Today posed the question, and now we have your answer.

Listed below are the top twenty most desirable ladies and gentlemen on Eastern's campus.

These are the individuals that personify class, charisma and exude ambi-

tion. They are continuing to represent the minority population in a positive light.

No, it wasn't all about looks, but rather the other elements that often go unnoticed that made this list of creative inhabitants, "The Baddest".

They have continued to break barriers like Stephanie Johnson winning Homecoming Queen 2005, carry them-

selves with integrity and style like Jennifer Ether, Miss Black EIU 2005 and encourage a presence of soul and strength on the men of campus like Alex Tolbert, Essence of a Man 2005.

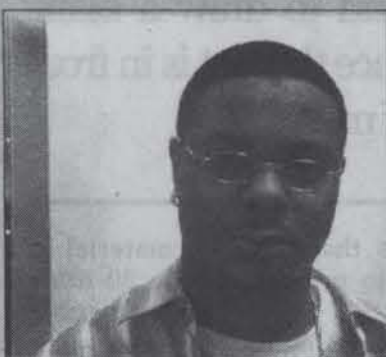
The list also includes people who have had the courage to take stands for minorities on campus, enforce the power of student leadership and set a few trends along the way.

"The Baddest" represents people who are goal oriented and are making strides to achieve those goals. They are outgoing and stylish, but most importantly they are making a name for themselves, and the world better watch out!

"The Baddest" Finalist in Alphabetical Order. More photos on PG 8



**Brianna Adams**  
Sophomore  
Major: Pre-nursing  
Favorite Quote: "Nothing beats a try, but a failure"



**Thomas Battle**  
Junior  
Major: Accounting  
Favorite Quote: "In order for one to succeed, he must first fail"



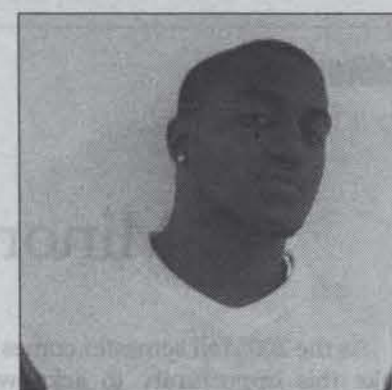
**Jami Arceneaux**  
Senior  
Major: Journalism  
Favorite Quote: "A great mind is a bad thing to waste"



**Jeff Collier**  
Senior  
Major: Political Science  
Favorite Question: "Love is the answer, but while you're waiting for the answer, sex brings up some really good questions."



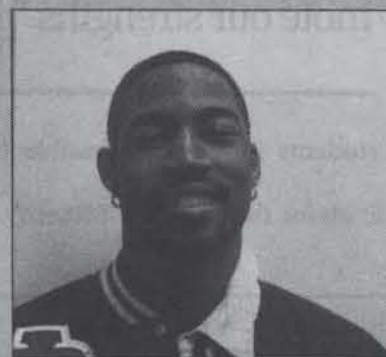
**Amanda Bush**  
Freshman  
Major: Undecided  
Favorite Quote: "Many people say they want to be millionaires and so do I, but the difference between me and many people is I know I can do great things with the determination, family, encouragement and knowledge of God's word"



**Veron Culley**  
Senior  
Major: Journalism  
Favorite Quotes: "A Failure to plan, is a plan for failure."



**Marsha Cooper**  
Freshman  
Major: Computer Information system (concentration in fashion merchandising)  
Favorite Quote: "Life is beautiful and you should cherish it to the fullest"



**Michael Curtis Jr.**  
Junior  
Major: Computer Information system  
Favorite Quote: "A man is like vanity, his days are like a shadow that pass away"



**Jennifer Ether**  
Junior  
Major: Journalism  
Favorite Quote: "Stand for something, or fall for anything."



## "How to" Series

## How to Prepare for Final Exams

## A Step by Step guide to a less stressful exam week

**Myla Bradford**  
Staff Writer

It is the final two weeks of class. Fall semester graduates are excited about graduation, people are happy about their different plans for break, and then there are those of us that are feeling ill due to the outbreak of the procrastination virus.

"We've just been so busy" doing nothing all semester, and putting everything off until tomorrow. Well tomorrow is here and it's time to break out the number two pencils and send a call out to Jesus, because it's time to take the test.

For some people, final exams are a breeze, but for others it can be a nightmare. I am one of the latter.

Just thinking about finals overwhelms me, and I feel as if I am under a lot of pressure.

Over time, I have realized that if I were properly prepared for the exams beforehand, I would have less anxiety and more time to relax and enjoy the end of the semester.

At semester's end, there are numerous projects, tests and papers that seem to pile up. When in all actuality, these projects, tests and papers were assigned weeks to months in advance.

Eight weeks seems like a reasonable amount of time to complete an

assignment, but for those of us that wait until the night before the due date, eight weeks can seem like eight minutes.

We all have seen the effects of this virus, with people rushing to the library, creating last-minute study groups and overloading on junk food.

I too have fallen victim to the procrastination virus, and to help ensure that this semester is symptom free for all, here are some tips on how to become prepared for final exams.

Learning how to eliminate delays and complete assignments as they are given, will free up time to prepare and concentrate on finals.

Map out your exams according to the order in which you will take them. This can become a problem with more than one exam on the same date, but early planning and organization can help alleviate the stress.

Make sure you have all previous tests, assignments, handouts and class notes. It might be a good idea to get past notes for all those days

you've missed, so that there aren't any gaps.

Once you have all the information, start reviewing for each exam by highlighting and reviewing the materials daily.

This approach gets rid of crash studying, stress and can prevent loss of information on the day of the exam.

When I crash study, I have a hard time remembering half of what I studied and tend to draw a blank once the test is in front of me.

During the last week of class, review all material in more detail, and set aside 30 minutes to an hour daily for each subject. Also, take a break between subjects to allow for the brain to cool.

In this leisure time, read a non-scholastic book, watch a movie or catch up with friends, so you'll have a even balance of studying and relaxation.

At the end of each day, make sure that you are receiving adequate rest. It is amazing how much the amount of sleep we receive can

have an effect on our function and performance day to day.

At the beginning of each day, eat a good breakfast, and follow up with lunch and dinner. It also doesn't hurt to snack in between studying.

Now snacking does not mean go out and devour all the candy, potato chips and carbonated beverages that one body can stand, but eat only nourishing snacks such as fruits and juices.

During the weekend before the final exams, immerse yourself in your work. Analyze all details of the information, and it may even be helpful to establish study groups in some of your more difficult subjects.

Often when there is so much to accomplish, there is negligence of self, but if we all follow this simple guide there will be ample time for both self and study.

Take advantage of Thanksgiving break to further prepare for finals, so when the clock starts ticking, you won't feel as if you weren't ready for the race.

Well, that's all folks. Happy Turkey Day and try to have a little fun over break. Be well and good luck to all with your final exams.

## Editor's note

## It's Time to Make a Change

### Minority Today has more in store for next semester

As the 2005 fall semester comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the changes that Minority Today has made.

When I accepted the position of editor, I had visions of taking this publication to new heights. I would like for Minority Today to become more than just a monthly newspaper.

This publication should be a literary magazine featuring articles, editorials, art and literary works by some of the most talented individuals on Eastern's campus. For that reason, a new section has been added to the publication as of this issue.

In the X-expression section, we will highlight up and coming talent among minority students in each issue. I encourage all talents to publish your work in Minority Today.

Starting in the spring semester, we will profile a different minority student organization in each issue. Amazing issues and concerns, as well as projects are brought to life by some of these organizations, and we feel that they should be acknowledged for their efforts.

I want Minority Today to become a place where minority students can continue to uplift and promote our strengths, and a place where it is imperative to characterize our weaknesses.

For that purpose, I am pleased to announce that Minority Today will be published bi-weekly at the start of the 2006 spring semester. We, as a staff, feel that this publication will be more beneficial to the students if it was accessible twice a month.

I am ecstatic about the progress Minority Today

has made, and I believe that even greater prospects are in its future.

This is the last issue of the 2005 fall semester, and in closing I would like to wish everyone continued success in their endeavors and a Happy Holidays.

## Letters to the editor

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## Uplifting the character of the African-American woman

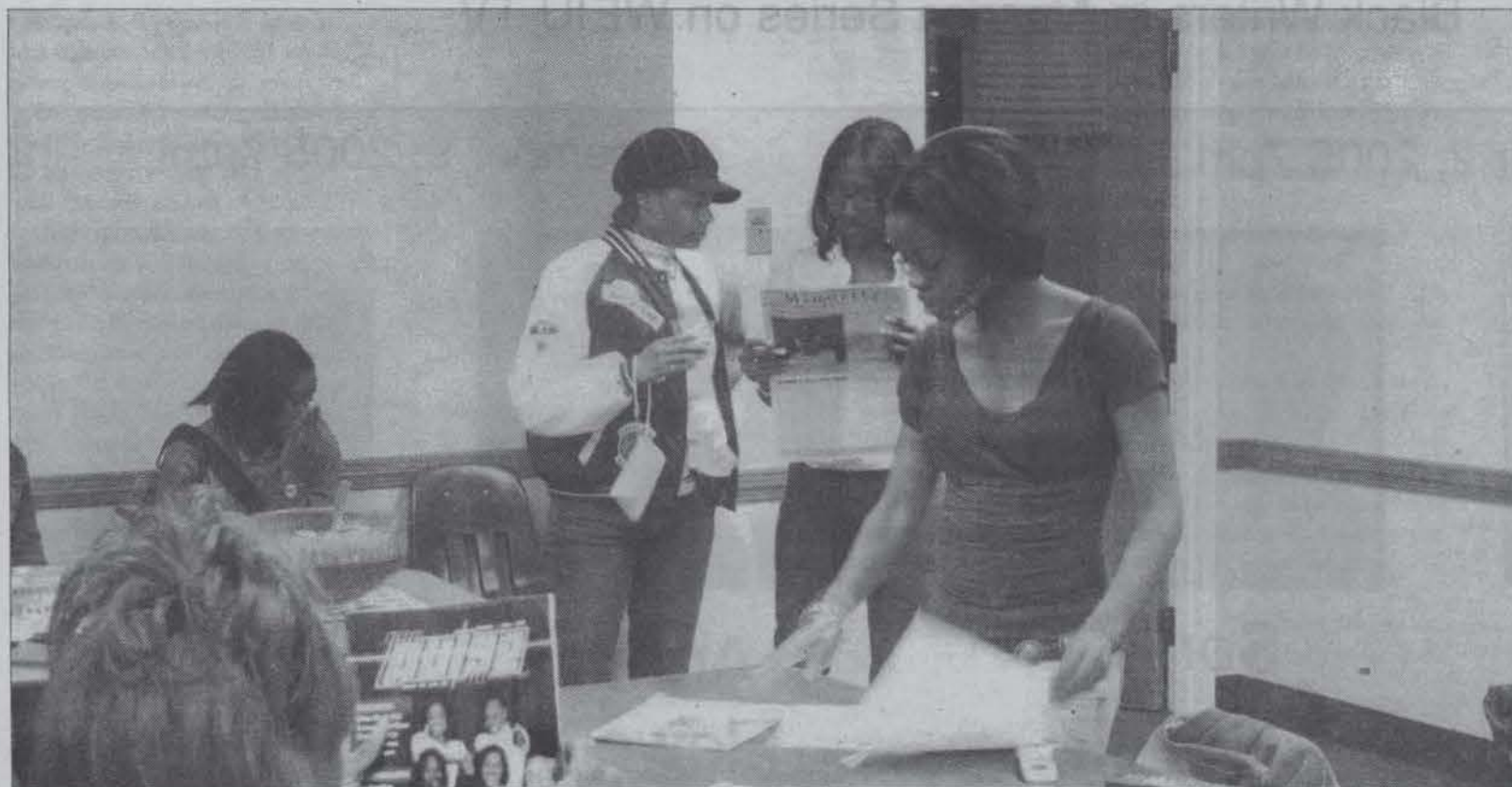


photo by Veron Culley

Tracey Wayne (Miss Black EIU 2004), Stephanie Johnson (Homecoming Queen 2005), and Jennifer Ether (Miss Black EIU 2005) were all in attendance as Ether gave information on next year's upcoming pageant. The informational was held Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005 in the Casey room of the Martin Luther King University Union.

### Myla Bradford

Staff Writer

More than twenty eager young women were present at the informational for the 35th annual Miss Black EIU pageant Wednesday evening in the Casey room of the Martin Luther King student union.

Since its inception in 1971, the Miss Black EIU pageant has provided young African-American women with the opportunity to participate in an event that recognizes the strength of women, as well as create a sense of pride and reverence in the African-American heritage of each contestant.

Jennifer Ether, junior journalism major and 2005 Miss Black EIU provided interested participants with an overview of the pageant, complete with a recording of last year's extravagant performances, contestant rules and of course her own personal experiences.

Ether stated up front that the pageant process is very time-consuming.

"This requires a lot of time and dedication," Ether explained. "If you're not serious about the hard work, then this isn't for you."

Ether prepared pamphlets and handouts for the young women, and carefully went through the information, frequently stopping to ask if anyone had any questions.

To become a contestant in the Miss Black EIU pageant, a minimum 2.5 G.P.A is required, as well as a non-refundable application fee and application.

Contestants will begin rehearsal in December, and will practice extensively until the pageant in February.

The contestants will compete in four categories including: Creative Expression, African Garment, Talent and Evening Gown/Impromptu Questioning.

The Miss Black EIU pageant is hosted by the Black Student Union in correspondence with African-American Heritage month. Though it is a unique pageant at Eastern, pageants of similar kind are held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (U of I) and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC).

The titles and requirements are different, but all of the pageants give a positive portrayal of the African-American woman.

At U of I, there are the Miss Black and Gold pageant and the African-American Homecoming pageant, and at SIUC, the Miss Ebonyess pageant.

The Miss Black and Gold pageant is held by the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and is also an all-female production. The African-American Homecoming pageant, includes the crowning of a King and Queen and is held by the Black Student Union.

The most similar to the Miss Black EIU pageant is SIUC's Miss Ebonyess pageant. Also instated in 1971, the Miss Ebonyess pageant is held during Homecoming week by the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

The pageant was started after SIUC crowned its first African-American Homecoming Queen in 1970, which is similar to why Miss Black EIU was started.

Eastern Illinois University crowned its first African-American Homecoming Queen, Kelly Edwards, in 2003.

The Miss Black EIU pageant gives young African-American women the chance to pay homage to the greatness of their existence, as

well as provide an opportunity for these women to reign as Queens.

"It is imperative for African-American women to have a place to show our intellect and beauty," explained Stephanie Johnson, senior journalism major, and 2005 Homecoming Queen.

Johnson was also a participant in the 2005 Miss Black EIU pageant.

"I learned more about who I am as a African-American woman, and about my heritage by participating in Miss Black EIU," said Johnson. "I tip my hat to any young woman who wants to participate, because it is a life-changing experience."

When Ether shared some of her personal experiences while participating in the pageant, she concurred with Johnson.

"This is an experience of a lifetime," explained Ether. "We had so much fun and made lasting friendships, but we also made history."

The 35th annual Miss Black EIU is underway and will continue to exemplify the character and greatness of the African-American woman.

## Native American Heritage Month 2005

### Jami Arceneaux

Entertainment Editor

The Office of Minority Affairs and the Office of Student Life are encouraging a celebration of diversity during the month of November, with Native American Heritage Month, which was declared by President George Bush in 1990.

According the proclamation, during the month when we celebrate Thanksgiving, we especially celebrate the heritage and contributions of American Indian and Alaska Native people to this nation.

Throughout the month, both offices are promoting consciousness about the heritage, as well as creating a student organization on campus.

An initial meeting was held Wednesday evening in the Greenup room of the Martin Luther King student union.

"It is important to diversify the campus," explained Isaiah Collier, assistant director for the Office of Student Life.

Although this is the first time Eastern has celebrated Native American Heritage Month, the university plans to support other associations in the future.

"We will be planning the Asian American Heritage Month next semester," said Mona Davenport, director of Minority Affairs.

At the informational, interested students were given information on how to become a recognized student organization (RSO) on campus.

Though membership has been slow to come on this campus, the Native American Student Association (NASA) is prevalent at other institutions such as: The University of Oregon and Northern Michigan University.

To find out more about the Native American Student Association or the month's celebration, contact the Department of Minority Affairs at 581-6690.

## Events for Native American Heritage Month

### Thursday, Nov. 17

American Indian Film: "Spirit of the Dawn"

10-10:30a.m. and 3-3:30p.m.

Bridge Lounge in the University Union

A film on the dramatic changes in Indian education from the boarding schools of the past, where children were beaten for speaking their language in school, to the more culturally-sensitive classrooms of today.

### Monday, Nov. 28

Poetry slam

6-7p.m.

Bridge Lounge in the University Union

Students across campus will be able to read poetry from different Native American authors and poets.

### Wednesday, Nov. 30

Native American Lecture:

"Indigenous Knowledge: American Indian Knowledge Thousand of Years Old" by Dr. Dorene Weise, President of Native American Educational Services, Inc.,

4-5p.m.

Grand Ballroom in the University Union

### Wednesday, Nov. 30

7-9p.m. Lumpkin

Student Panel "Being Native American"

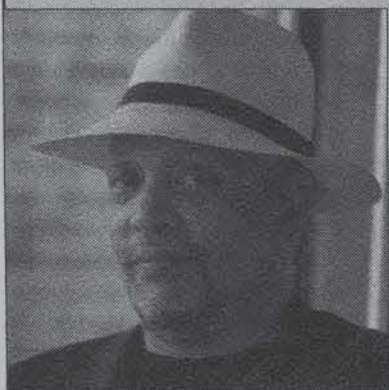
Student across campus will explain from their point of view what it means to be Native American



# What's going on in December

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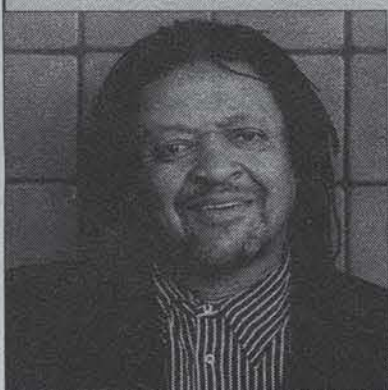


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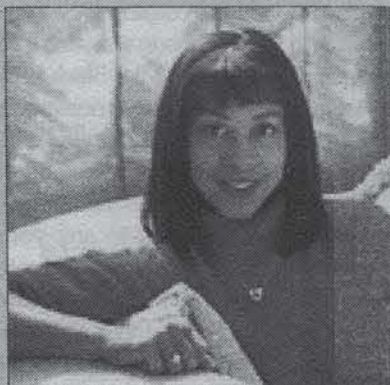


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## Stressing the importance of diversity with action

**By: Stephanie N. Johnson**  
Editor in Chief

Diversity is a well-discussed issue on Eastern's campus. It is a popular term in most classrooms and student organizations.

Everyone is attempting to find a way to diversify his or her individual association, but being diverse is about togetherness.

Each and every student interacting with ethnicities, races and genders that are different from their own.

In an attempt to provide a society that is for the enhancement of campus-wide diversity, the Office of Student Life has formed the Diversity in Action Council (D.A.C.).

The Diversity in Action Council is a multi-cultural advisory council, comprised of student representatives from the various recognized student organizations (RSO) on campus.

This council will serve as an advisory board, by providing leadership support to increase campus diversity.

"I believe that being a diverse individual will prove to be beneficial, not only in

my academic career, but in life," said Kristen Buerster, senior marketing major and member of D.A.C.

The mission statement for the council includes: promoting and celebrating diversity; promoting partnerships and collaboration among diverse student organizations; addressing diversity issues, problems and concerns; providing university support and resources; and increasing multi-cultural programs and events on campus.

"It's an excellent way to promote campus unity," explained Keila Lacy, student vice-president for student affairs.

"I strongly encourage all organizations to participate in this endeavor."

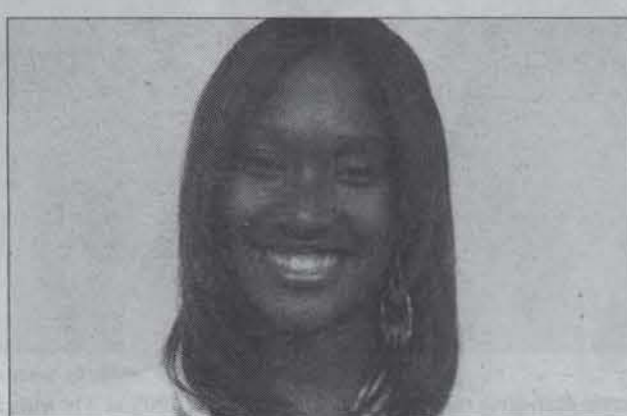
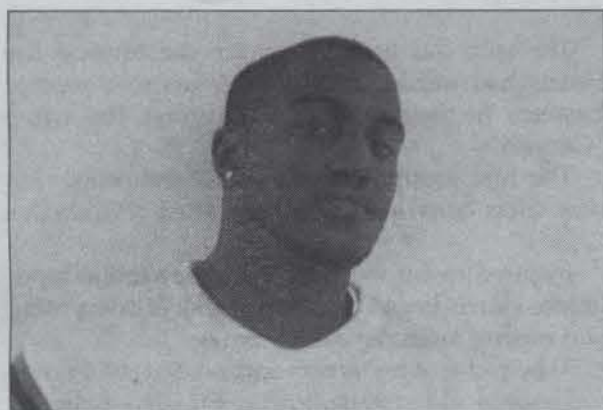
Though it is still in its beginning stages, the council has conferred about many social issues, and plans on finding innovative ways to present the information to campus.

The council is planning on taking certain topics and performing a skit to further amplify awareness.

Diversity in Action Council will hold the next meeting, Monday, November 28, 2005 at noon in the Casey room of the Martin Luther King student union.



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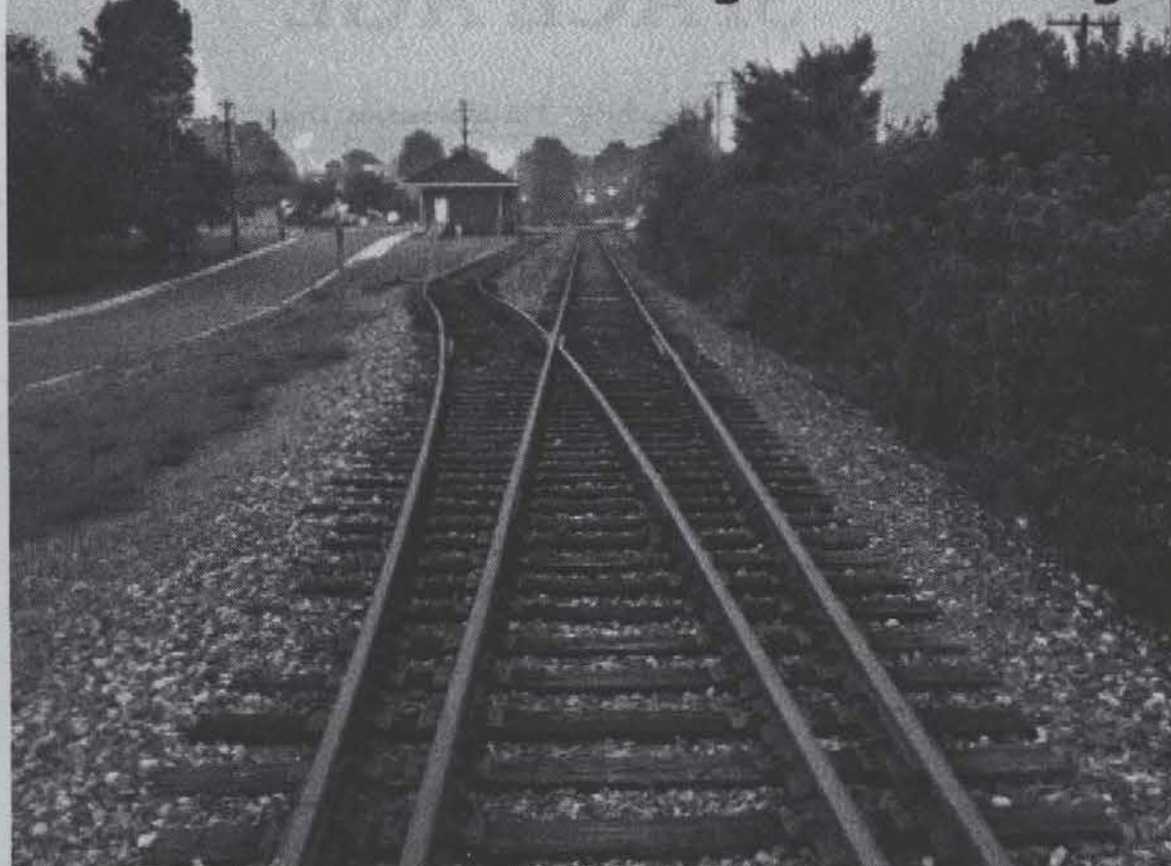
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# A diamond in the rough

By: Willie Griggs  
Staff writer

Eastern is full of undiscovered talent. Countless individuals that have spent hours polishing themselves and their respective crafts at open mic nights, talent shows and various other outlets for creative expression both on campus and in the community.

Kareem Harris, sophomore communications broadcasting major, is one of those diamonds in the rough.

Harris, who produces music under the name "Genesis", has composed material for many of Eastern's talent musicians.

He has worked with Rian Jones, Monternez "Monty" Buckley and Lorenzo "Flow" James among others.

Born in Chicago, Harris is the son of a God-fearing mother and a father who loves to dance. He learned early on that music would have a profound effect on his life.

"My mother was a singer and she made my siblings and I join the choir as children," said Harris.

"My father would play songs that really aroused my interest in music."

Songs such as: Earth, Wind and Fire's "Reasons", the Gap Band's "She dropped a bomb on me" and Stevie Wonder's "Knock's me off my feet" were in heavy rotation and would have a lasting impression on a young Harris.

In High school, he joined a band where he became a celebrated trumpet player, and excelled to compete with other bands on a national scale.

"One year my band mates and I were given the chance to hang out with Jazz great Wynton Marsalis," recalls Harris. Such an experience would prove to be awe inspiring and life changing for Harris.

Through radiant credentials, he was offered a scholarship to a very prestigious institute to study music, but declined the opportunity due to personal reasons.

Harris believes that many great openings, not to mention exposure, came out of his affiliation with his high school band.



photo by Veron Culley

Kareem Harris standing outside Thursday Nov. 10, 2005 at Thomas Hall

It was then that he formed his first production team, entitled Basement Dreamz Productions. The team consisted of Harris and childhood friends, Ryan Owens, Lorenzo Reed, Marcel Thomas and Tremaine Love.

"Being in the band is what really brought us together," explained Harris. "We had something in common."

As time progressed, Harris' talent would evolve and become more professional. This led to an eventual clash in friendship when the other members of the production team were offered a deal with Def Jam records.

The Def Jam empire is one of the top record labels in the music industry, as well as the world at large.

"It basically came down a split due to ego tripping," said Harris, while explaining the split with his production team.

The split did little to squelch the musical fire Harris had inside, and in 2004, his first year at Eastern, he began producing under the name "Genesis".

The first group Harris worked with under his new alias was a rap group called "Vindictive Cipher".

Inspired by his work ethic and newfound reputation, Harris began the arduous task of composing and mixing music on a daily basis.

"The fact that my artists encouraged me to keep producing, added more push to the drive I already knew I had," said Harris.

To Harris, life without music is like a universe without the stars illuminating the cosmos.

"Music influences everything we do," explains Harris. "We can't work, study, party or most of all live without it."

He feels that the finished product shines whenever anyone puts hard work into their craft.

"I want to show people how to get ahead by learning from good role models like I did," said Harris.

The future seems very promising for the gifted producer.

"Years from now, I see myself starting my own record label and producing scores for motion pictures," said Harris.

He wants to continue to perfect his craft and experiment with all kinds of music. Harris even has a criteria for future artists and collaborators that includes: A desire to make good music, a flexible schedule and a creative mind.

To satisfy the "Genesis" fix for those that are addicted to good music, Harris has completed two mix tapes respectively titled, "The Beginning Vol. 1" and "Chicago Legend Vol. 2".

The mix tapes are currently on sale for \$5. To purchase the material, contact Kareem "Genesis" Harris at (217) 581-2182.

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## POETRY

### Eternity

Willie Griggs  
Staff Writer

I often speak of endings,  
though my life has just begun  
The morrow doesn't promise  
me the setting of the sun

Reminded of the brevity of life  
this present day

My soul should be the only  
thing for which I truly pray

Eternity is yet so long, but that  
I do not fear

Because I live a speedy life  
within this awkward year

If I was to die tonight and vanish  
from this place

I'll either wear a smile or tears  
of torment on my face

I often hear of heaven and its  
fathomed streets of gold

Such inexplicable delights  
with tongues they can't be told

A grand reunion with the souls  
who have gone on long before

Now worshipping the mighty  
God to reign forevermore

I seldom hear of purgatory or  
the in between

Those holds the souls who  
have not sin, nor are they crystal  
clean

So if they aren't perfect doesn't  
make them full of sin

Then who of them are worthy  
to righteously make it in?

Most certainly I know of Hell,  
the dreaded second death

Where God will finalize his  
wrath on all souls who are left

In flames they all must lift  
their eyes, with sweat upon their  
brows

They like the saints did have a  
chance but it is too late now

If I were to die tonight, would  
I make it in?

Or perish in the aftermath of  
constant heartless sin

I wrote myself a message so  
that I may change my ways

What's getting shorter are my  
days and in the end

REPENTENCE PAYS!!!

### SPACE AGE

White House, White House ain't nothing I'm dead serious. This is the Space Age

changed  
229 years everythang still the same

President, President the truth is evident  
It's time for a change

When democracy flees away  
Who will there be to blame?

Black Man, Black Man, Ain't you had  
enough?

Before The Great Depression, life was already  
rough

Sitting on your ass complaining  
Dependent upon the welfare situation

Without a real obligation  
Want a rosy life with nothing to be rough?

Get up off that corner, stop selling that stuff  
Biological Warfare, instruments of anger

Space Age, ain't no stranger  
Outskirts of this country

Our enemies in rage  
Ain't telling no lie

This the Space Age  
Man planning to live in the universal beyond

Science advances habitat where the blue  
water runs

Think I'm playing? This is the Space Age  
Babies having babies

So-called men leave the ladies and the babies  
Think I'm crazy? Space Age

Men marrying men  
Wretched men marrying sin

God soon to unleash his rage

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Submit your poerty or drawings to  
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# Welcome to The Boondocks

By: Jami Arceneaux  
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On November 6, 2005, "The Boondocks" comic strip came to life on Cartoon Network's Adult Swim block.

The notorious comic strip, written by Aaron McGruder, has raised eyebrows due to its controversial content.

The strip follows the adventures of Huey Freeman and Riley Freeman, who live in a predominately white, middle-class suburb with their belligerent grandfather.

The boys embody two of the many faces of men in black culture. Huey, the militant, pro-black, revolutionary ten-year-old, and Riley, the hip-hop obsessed eight-year-old.

McGruder began writing the strip in 1997, and now it is carried in over 350 newspapers worldwide, including *The Daily Eastern News*.

It was a long road to bring "The Boondocks" to television. The initial pilot was dropped by Fox network due to the controversy and antics of the characters.

This proved to be fortunate for McGruder, when the strip was picked up by the Cartoon Network's late-night block.



Photo from [www.theboondockstv.com](http://www.theboondockstv.com)

According to CNN.com, Adult Swim is a three-hour block that pulls in more of the 18-to-34-year-old

demographic than Jay Leno, David Letterman or Jon Stewart.

The premiere episode featured Granddad giving the boys advice after Huey states to an all-white garden party, that Jesus Christ was black, Ronald Reagan was the devil and the Government lied about 9/11.

Granddad scolded the boys, and advised them not to tell white people the truth because they don't want to hear it.

The second episode tackled the infamous subject of pimping and prostitution. Granddad falls in love with a prostitute who is scamming her pimp, which leads to Huey and Riley discussing whether all women are hoes.

The strip has been commonly compared to "Chappelle's Show" because of its material, and "All in the Family" for its arguments.

The show confronts all issues, intra-racial and otherwise, head on. It was dropped from a few newspapers because of its use of the N-word, which is allowed on the TV series.

The question remains whether "The Boondocks", on television or in print, is moving the black community forward, or pushing us backward? You be the judge.

To view "The Boondocks" tune into the Cartoon Network, Sunday's at 11 p.m.

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## Sometimes in love you need to let it burn

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AFTERBURN  
A Novel by Zane  
Hardcover: 320 pages  
Publisher: ATRIA Books 2005  
Fiction  
\$16.47

In its much anticipated release, "Afterburn", Zane's latest novel, is provocative, enduring and tells a classic tale of love at its best.

It is a story of a woman, in search of companionship, and the man who helps her find it. Rayne is the average American woman, looking for lasting happiness and a do-right man.

The product of a troubled childhood, Rayne is really starting to believe that love is lost in this day, and contends to give up all together. Yardley is smitten with Rayne from their first encounter, but lets his fear of rejection prevent him from approaching her.

After months of pondering the what ifs, Yardley garners enough courage to ask Rayne out. It seems as though both characters have reached their end, and are placed among one another and proceed to play for keeps in the game of love.

The novel is complete with characters bent on keeping the happy couple

apart, but in the end holds true to the statue that true love does conquer all. Yardley and Rayne continue with persistence, and refuse to let anything come between their happiness; including themselves.

"Afterburn" is a sweet saga that will leave readers wanting more. It is packed with stunning passages and compels readers to take a chance on love, even if just for a little while.

This is Zane at her finest. She has been dubbed the "Queen of Erotica" for her ability to transform the need for women to have and act upon their sexual desires from the taboo it once was, to the way of life it is today.

With her sassy characters and lustful, almost sinful text in works such as: *Addicted*, *The Sisters of APF and Skyscraper*, Zane has proved how good sex really sells.

In her 11<sup>th</sup> novel, the New York Times bestselling author confirms that even she can risk it all.

Unlike her previous novels, "Afterburn" is not bursting with sensual and erotic passages that Zane has become notorious for. Rather it is a true love story that examines commitment, faith, betrayal and friendship, the carnal elements of a relationship with just enough erotica to keep everyone intrigued.

It shows Zane in another light, and invites readers into a story with characters that are believable and in which everyone may see just a little piece of themselves.

It is a must-read that stands by the truth that there is no emotion greater than love, and even when it hurts, sometimes you just need to let it burn.

## Feature movie review: "Get Rich or Die Tryin"

By: Brian Gartlan  
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Though multi-platinum rapper 50 Cent popularized the term "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" with his first album, and now his debut on the silver screen, the term is far more universal than just hip-hop.

Not everyone may agree or even understand 50 Cent's lyrics, tactics or lifestyle; however, everyone can relate to trying to better themselves and make a proper lifestyle for their loved ones.

On November 9, 2005, Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson invited the world into his life in "Get Rich or Die Tryin'", and although his name will not be brought up in any Academy Award conversations, he will earn respect and validate the credibility he may have been chasing after.

The leading character, Marcus (50 Cent) is a street hustler from Queens, New York, with dreams of making it big in the music business.

After becoming a made man on the streets with cars, jewelry, clothes and all the riches money can buy, jealousy becomes evident from outsiders and Marcus is shot outside of his home nine times.

His foundation to stardom included his pain, motivation and the love that surrounded him is what

ultimately took him to the top of the rap world.

"Get Rich" depicts negative images such as: drugs, violence, greed and jealousy, but the intangibles of pride, respect and love make the movie worth watching.

Marcus' love is the brightest shining trait in the movie, and it is a feel-good constant throughout his life.

It is a bold characteristic that defines his success, but his short wick to defend his own that keeps him in trouble.

His love for his mother, his love for his music and his love for Charlene (played by Joy Bryant) outshine the drugs and violence, and eventually his music turned him around.

Marcus, whose stage name is Lil' Caesar, even said the top is better than the bottom.

In the beginning of his life as a hustler, he was taught by veterans and bosses like Majestic (played by Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje) and Levar (played by Bill Duke) that love would be a downfall, but ironically love is what paved his path to the top.

When Marcus is sent to prison, he meets Bama (played by Terrence Howard). Marcus expands his writing talent, and makes his retirement from the streets official.

Bama has a strange way of explaining himself,

but his hardheaded approach seems to gather followers.

He is a leader throughout the film and eventually becomes Lil' Caesar's manager.

The film adds imagery to the album and while listening to the CD; different scenes from the movie will be painted in your mind.

"It was more than what I expected," said Calvin Clark, a freshman pre-nursing major. "He went really deep into his life."

The movie is tolerable thanks to director Jim Sheridan, an Irish immigrant who has made such films as "In America" and "My Left Foot," and Terence Winter, who wrote for the HBO hit "The Sopranos," and a good supporting cast around Jackson.

Sheridan, who is from North Ireland, understands the underdog struggle of the suppressed.

"Get Rich" will make you laugh and it will make you cringe, but it is safe to assume 50 Cent was not trying to make new fans.

In fact, it's almost safe to assume the rapper only wants to let society know how and why "50 Cent" is the man he is today.

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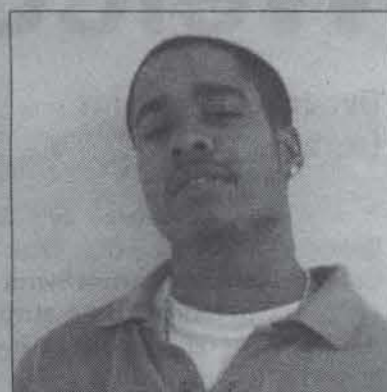
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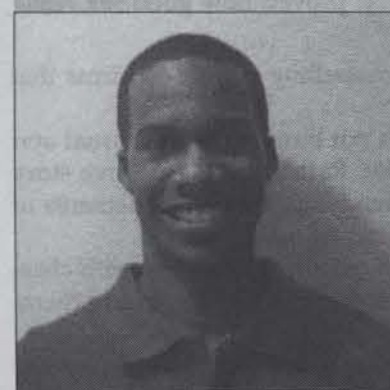
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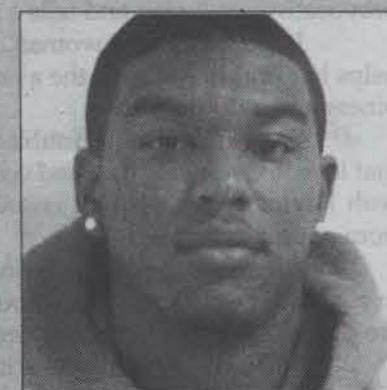
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